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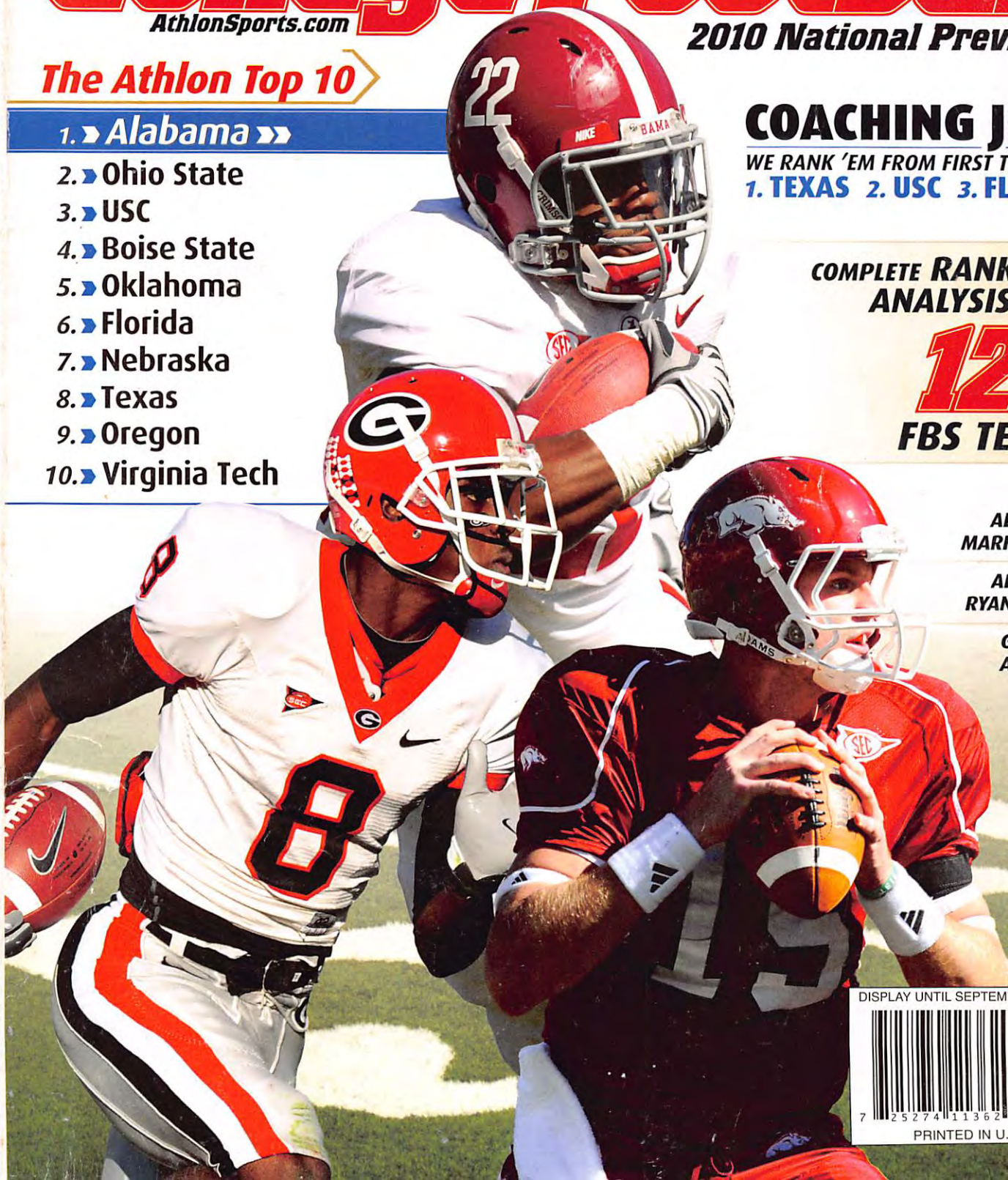
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# EDITOR'S LETTER

The landscape of college football could be ready to undergo some major changes. Expansion is a hot-button issue, with the Big Ten and Pac-10 leading the charge.

Several different scenarios could play out, including a 14-team Big Ten and a 12-team Pac-10 league. What if the Pac-10 and Big Ten decide to expand? Would it cause the SEC and ACC to counter with their own expansion plans? How many teams would be left in the Big East? Would Notre Dame choose to join the Big Ten or Big East? Could some conferences disintegrate?

The scenarios are many, and plenty of rumors will spread as the conferences and schools contemplate major realignment decisions. Fans and athletic departments of teams who could be left behind in the expansion talk will have some restless days ahead.

Of course, all of this talk about expansion could be nothing, as the Big Ten and Pac-10 may choose to sit tight. However, if one conference decides to expand, get ready for the dominoes to fall.

The expansion talk should be an interesting backdrop to the 2010 season, especially with a lot of uncertainty in the top 25. Alabama is our preseason No. 1, but it won't be easy for the Crimson Tide to repeat. No team has managed to capture back-to-back consensus championships since Nebraska did so in 1994 and 1995. In our annual picks meeting, it was not an easy decision selecting Alabama as the No. 1 team for 2010.

Alabama's biggest challenger for the national title is Ohio State. The Buckeyes return one of the nation's most dynamic quarterbacks in Terrelle Pryor and are looking for redemption after losing their last two appearances in the national championship game.

If either team fails to fulfill expectations, could this be the year Boise State crashes the BCS National Championship Game? The Broncos are loaded for a run at the title, but the opener against Virginia Tech could define the season. If not Boise State, how about USC? The Trojans are under new direction from Lane Kiffin (I'm sure you've heard about him by now), but should bounce back after a disappointing 2009 campaign.

Speaking of Kiffin, he's one of the most intriguing coaching hires for 2010. Sure, he's made some headlines, but Tennessee made progress under his watch, and he is one of the top recruiters in the nation.

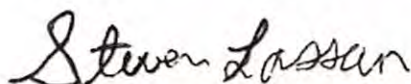
Some of the other intriguing coaching moves I'll have my eye on this season include Tommy Tuberville at Texas Tech, Jimbo Fisher at Florida State and Brian Kelly at Notre Dame. The Irish were 35-27 under Charlie Weiss, but I think they hit a home run with Kelly, and he should have this team competing for BCS bowls, sooner rather than later.

Two other hires I liked were Louisville's Charlie Strong and Virginia's Mike London. Louisville was on the rise under Bobby Petrino, but took a step back under Steve Kragthorpe. The Cardinals are already off to a good start with a strong recruiting class, but it will take some time for Strong to rebuild the roster. London is already winning over the Virginia faithful and his track record at Richmond was stellar.

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You can find all of the team previews beginning on page 38. We took a different approach this year; rather than organizing the previews by our ranking, No. 1 through No. 120, we have grouped the teams by conference. We hope this makes the magazine a bit easier to navigate.

We hope you enjoy the magazine this year and let us know what you think. E-mail us at [Editor@AthlonSports.com](mailto:Editor@AthlonSports.com) with your thoughts.



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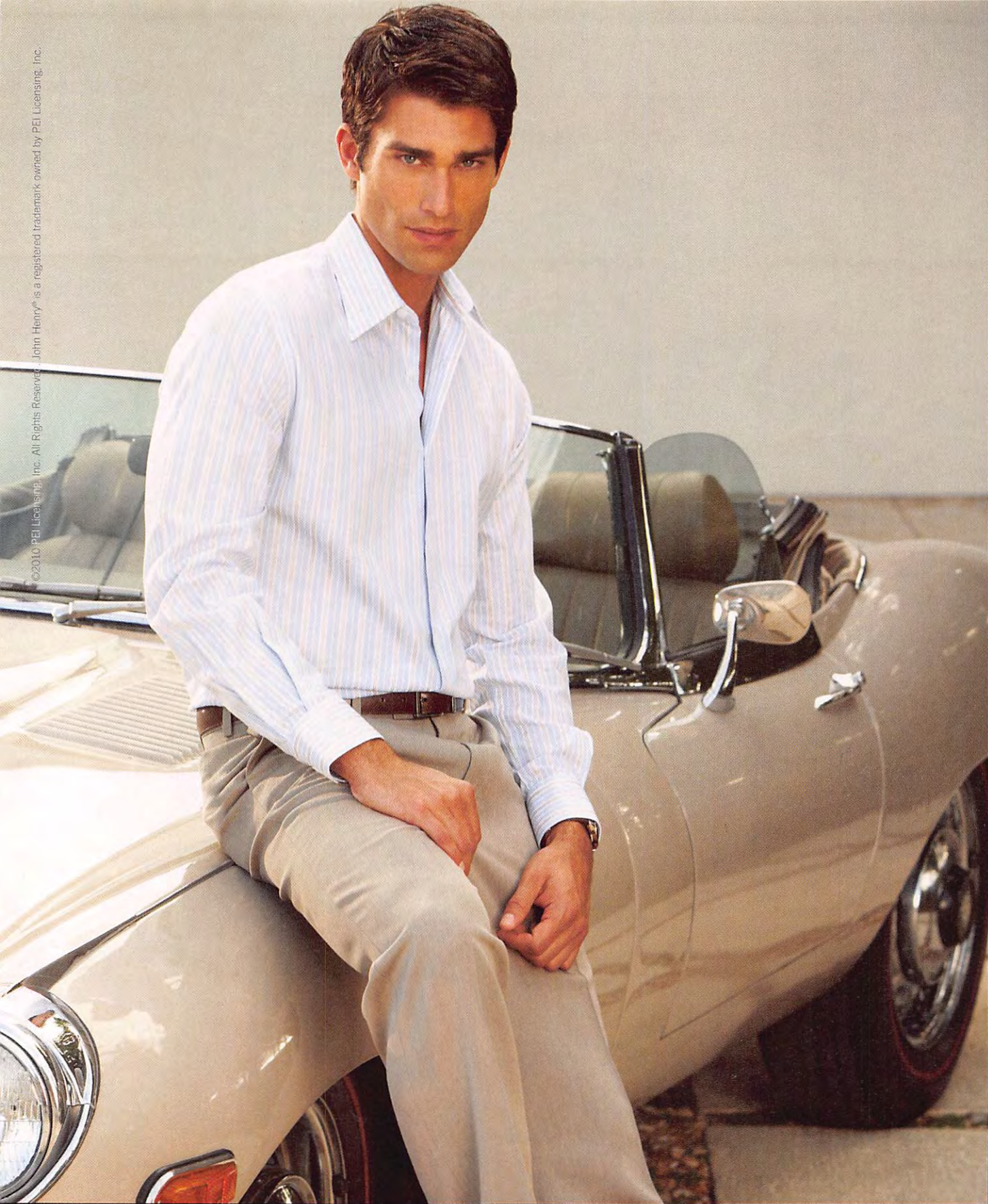
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# THE 10TH ANNUAL ATHLON AWARDS

**They're the teams within the team — those cohesive little units bound together by their shared responsibilities within the larger team context.**

Whether it's the offensive linemen firing off time after time into those familiar blocking sleds, or the defensive linemen drilling repeatedly on how to shed blockers, or the defensive backs breaking on ball after ball — these teams in miniature hone their tasks on the practice field until those tasks become second nature.

Whether or not these units function as one can make the difference between winning and losing, and a single unit can carry a team to New Year's Day — or beyond.

It's entirely fitting, then, for us to honor the best of the best at each position with our 10th annual Athlon Awards.

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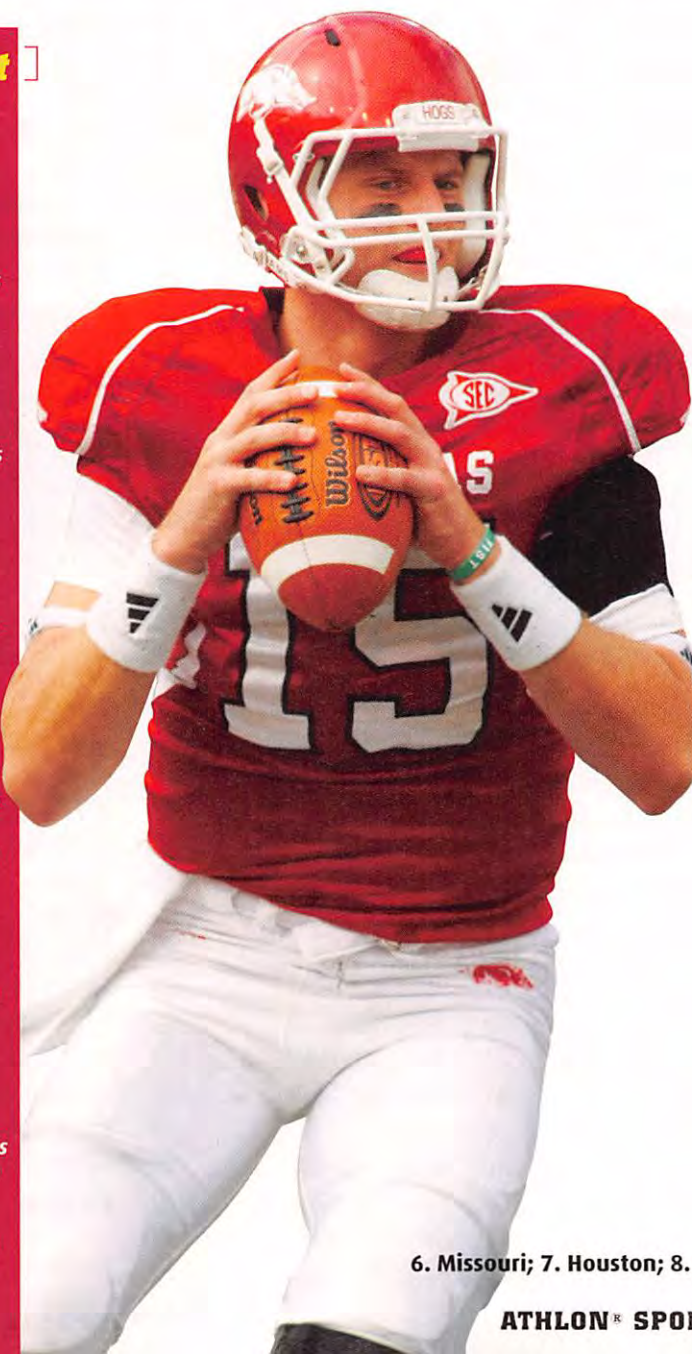
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5. Alabama

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2. Texas
3. Nebraska
4. South Carolina
5. Clemson



## TOP QB UNITS

**1. Arkansas** Bobby Petrino's high-powered attack has the perfect triggerman in Ryan Mallett. The Michigan transfer passed for 3,624 yards and 30 scores last season. Mallett turned down the NFL to hone his skills for one more season at the college level, and with one of the nation's top receiving corps returning, he should top last year's numbers.

**2. Boise State** Kellen Moore had a remarkable 2009 campaign and is a legitimate Heisman candidate this season, especially if he performs well in the season opener against Virginia Tech. Moore threw only three interceptions on 431 pass attempts last season, and he finished second in the nation in passing efficiency and touchdown passes with 39.

**3. Ohio State** Terrelle Pryor is coming off a career-high 266 passing yards in the Rose Bowl and looks poised for his best season in a Buckeye uniform. The junior should show significant development as a passer this year but will remain one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation.

**4. Texas A&M** Jerrod Johnson had a monster year in his first full season as a starter, throwing for 3,579 yards, 30 touchdowns and only eight interceptions. Johnson is also a threat on the ground, rushing for 506 yards and eight scores. With a questionable defense in College Station, the Aggies will rely heavily on Johnson's arm in 2010.

**5. Washington** After missing most of 2008 with an injury, Jake Locker reclaimed his place among the top quarterbacks in the nation last year. Locker threw for 2,800 yards and 21 scores, along with rushing for 388 yards and seven touchdowns. Locker is back for his senior year, and the Huskies have promising freshman Nick Montana ready to start in 2011.

6. Missouri; 7. Houston; 8. Florida State; 9. USC; 10. Georgia Tech

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## TOP RB UNITS

**1. Alabama** Junior Mark Ingram and sophomore Trent Richardson return to form the nation's top backfield. Ingram, the defending Heisman Trophy winner, rushed for 1,658 yards last season, while Richardson added 751. Providing depth will be redshirt freshman Eddie Lacy, who ranked as the No. 93 prospect in the 2009 Athlon Consensus 100.

**2. Virginia Tech** Despite the loss of 1,000-yard rusher Darren Evans in fall practice last year, the Hokies didn't miss a beat. Ryan Williams assumed the starting role and rushed for an ACC freshman-record 1,655 yards, while David Wilson and Josh Oglesby combined for 669. With Evans returning, the Hokies are the only team in college football with two 1,000-yard running backs on the roster.

**3. Wisconsin** With one of the nation's top offensive lines leading the way, John Clay is in for another monster season. Clay rushed for 1,517 yards and 18 scores last season, earning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year honors. The Badgers are in great shape behind Clay, with quality backups in Zach Brown and Montee Ball.

**4. Oregon** Sophomore LaMichael James is suspended for the season opener but will return to headline a deep backfield. James rushed for 1,546 yards and 14 scores last season. Kenjon Barner provided big-play ability off the bench, averaging 6.0 yards per carry last year. The No. 3 back is highly touted freshman Lache Seastrunk.

**5. Oklahoma** Injuries have limited DeMarco Murray throughout his career, but he remains one of the top all-around threats in college football. Murray collected 1,227 total yards and 12 scores last year and could post his best single-season rushing total this season. The Sooners have quality depth, with Jermie Calhoun and Jonathan Miller ready to step in and spell Murray.

- 6. Pittsburgh
- 7. Nebraska
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Penn State
- 10. Oregon State

## TOP WR UNITS

**1. Arkansas** The top 5 statistical pass catchers return from last season, giving the Razorbacks the deepest collection of returning talent at receiver in the nation. Greg Childs, Joe Adams, Jarius Wright and tight end D.J. Williams all could challenge for All-SEC honors this year. The coaches have high hopes for sophomore Cobi Hamilton, who averaged 18.3 yards per catch last year.

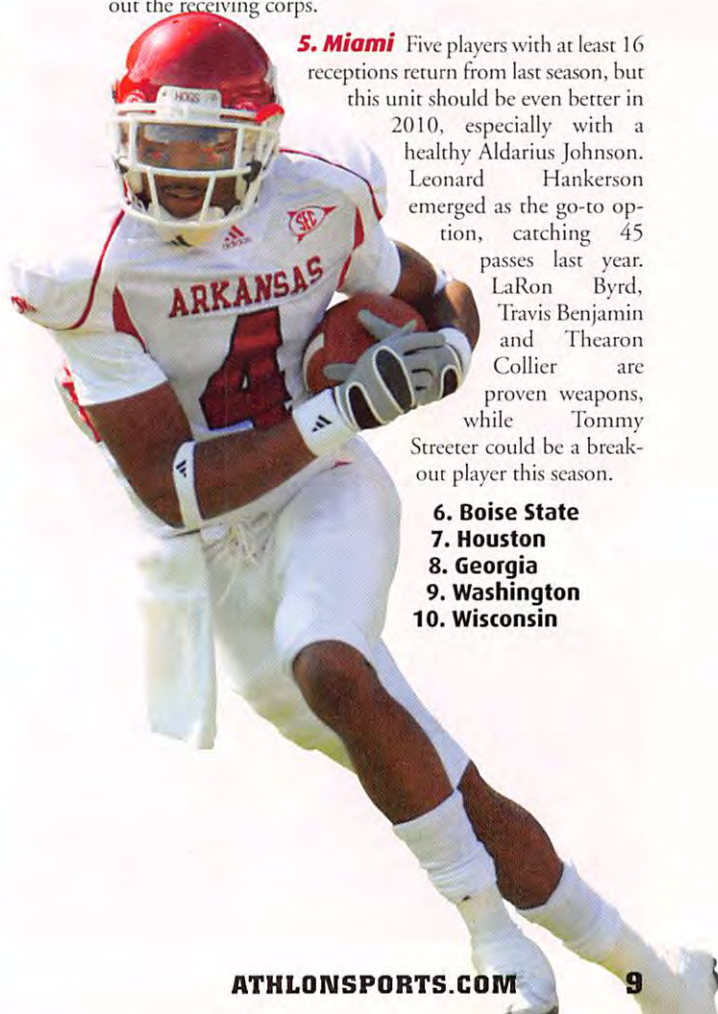
**2. Texas A&M** The Aggies ranked 16th nationally in passing offense last season but could be even better in 2010, especially with a healthy year from Jeff Fuller. Fuller missed four full games plus parts of two others with a leg injury but managed 41 receptions, with seven going for scores. There is plenty of depth returning, with Ryan Tannehill (who doubles as the backup quarterback), Uzoma Nwachukwu, Ryan Swope and Brandal Jackson battling for playing time.

**3. Oklahoma** Ryan Broyles led the Sooners with 89 catches last season and headlines a young but talented group of receivers. Dejuan Miller and Jaz Reynolds came on strong late last year and freshman Kenny Stills made an impact in the spring. Seniors Brandon Caleb and Cameron Kenney provide depth, and incoming freshman Austin Haywood is one to watch at tight end.

**4. Notre Dame** Brian Kelly thrived with a high-octane offense at Cincinnati, and the Irish have the weapons to score plenty of points this year. If Michael Floyd can avoid injuries, he should be one of the top statistical receivers in the nation. Tight end Kyle Rudolph will challenge for All-America honors, while Theo Riddick, Tai-ler Jones, Duval Kamara and Shaquell Evans round out the receiving corps.

**5. Miami** Five players with at least 16 receptions return from last season, but this unit should be even better in 2010, especially with a healthy Aldarius Johnson. Leonard Hankerson emerged as the go-to option, catching 45 passes last year. LaRon Byrd, Travis Benjamin and Thearon Collier are proven weapons, while Tommy Streeter could be a breakout player this season.

- 6. Boise State
- 7. Houston
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Washington
- 10. Wisconsin







## TOP OL UNITS

**1. Wisconsin** Churning out productive linemen is never a problem at Wisconsin. Tackle Gabe Carimi and guard John Moffitt are among the top linemen in the nation and are joined by All-Big Ten candidates Peter Konz, Kevin Zeitler and Josh Oglesby in the starting lineup. This line allowed the Badgers to rush for 33 touchdowns and gave up just 23 sacks last season.

**2. Florida State** All five starters are back, including All-America guard Rodney Hudson. The Seminoles allowed only 20 sacks last season and paved the way for an average of 4.6 yards per carry. Joining Hudson in the starting five are Ryan McMahon, David Spurlock, Zebrie Sanders and Andrew Datko — all candidates to earn All-ACC honors this season.

**3. Ohio State** The Buckeyes were inconsistent up front last season, but it should be a team strength in 2010. Guard Justin Boren is the anchor and is joined by promising center Mike Brewster, Bryant Browning and J.B. Shugarts. A new starter must be found at left tackle, but the Buckeyes have quality candidates.

**4. Georgia** The Bulldogs struggled to find the right mix early last season, but this group finished as one of the top lines in the nation. Four starters, headlined by first-team All-SEC pick Clint Boling and center Ben Jones, return from a line that allowed only 12 sacks.

**5. Stanford** Four starters are back from one of the most dominating lines in college football last season. The Cardinal front five allowed only seven sacks and opened up lanes for running backs to average 5.3 yards per carry. Tackle Chris Marinelli will be missed, but this line could be just as dominant in 2010.

**6. USC; 7. Florida; 8. Alabama; 9. Boston College; 10. Connecticut**



## TOP DL UNITS

**1. Iowa** Four starters return from a line that registered 31 sacks and allowed only two players to rush for 100 yards in a game last season. Adrian Clayborn, the star of the Hawkeyes' Orange Bowl win, is the headliner after forcing four fumbles and registering 20 tackles for a loss and 11.5 sacks last season. Broderick Binns joins Clayborn off the edge, while likely All-Big Ten performers Karl Klug and Christian Ballard start in the middle.

**2. North Carolina** Despite the loss of two starters, the Tar Heels continue to have one of the best lines. End Robert Quinn and tackle Marvin Austin are All-America candidates, and stepping into starting roles are proven juniors Tydreke Powell and Quinton Coples. Sophomore Dontre Paige-Moss and freshman Brandon Willis were highly touted recruits and should be part of the rotation.

**3. Clemson** Ricky Sapp must be replaced, but three starters return from last season's line. Junior end Da'Quan Bowers has enormous potential and could have a breakout season. Joining Bowers off the edge is Andre Branch and Malliciah Goodman. Tackle Jarvis Jenkins is a stud, and there's quality depth with Jamie Cumbie, Brandon Thompson and Miguel Chavis.

**4. Ohio State** The Buckeyes were dominant up front last year, allowing only eight rushing touchdowns and forcing 30 sacks. Cameron Heyward anchors this line at end and should improve on his 6.5 sacks from last year. Dexter Larimore is a steady performer at tackle, and the Buckeyes will count on John Simon, Nathan Williams and Garrett Goebel to emerge as key contributors.

**5. Oklahoma** The Sooners are set on the outside, with standouts Jeremy Beal and junior Frank Alexander returning. The interior of the line is a concern, with Adrian Taylor recovering from a serious leg injury suffered in the Sun Bowl and the talented but inexperienced Jamarkus McFarland stepping into the starting lineup.

**6. Nebraska; 7. USC; 8. Texas; 9. Florida; 10. Pittsburgh**

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## TOP LB UNITS

**1. North Carolina** The Tar Heels have one of the top defenses in the nation, and the linebacking corps will be anchored by seniors Bruce Carter and Quan Sturdivant. Both players earned All-ACC honors last season and should retain that status in 2010. Kevin Reddick impressed as a freshman last year and rounds out the starting unit.

**2. Texas** Replacing lost talent on defense is never an issue at Texas. Sergio Kindle and Rodrick Muckelroy are gone, but juniors Keenan Robinson and Emmanuel Acho are rising stars in the Big 12. Jared Norton is back after missing most of last season with an injury and will compete with Dustin Earnest and freshman Jordan Hicks for the final starting position.

**3. Ohio State** Ross Homan and Brian Rolle went into last season as question marks but quickly established themselves as two of the best linebackers in the Big Ten. Homan collected 108 tackles and five interceptions last year, and Rolle finished second on the team with 95 tackles. Etienne Sabino is expected to slide into the third starting spot.

**4. Oklahoma** Keenan Clayton is gone, but the Sooners still field a great collection of linebackers. Junior Travis Lewis is the best player on this unit; he was a first-team All-Big 12 selection last season and is a likely All-American in 2010. Youngsters Ronnell Lewis and Tom Wort are short on experience but have immense talent.

**5. Alabama** The Tide lost three key pieces at linebacker, but it's hard to imagine that this group will suffer too much. Sophomore Dont'a Hightower, the opening game starter, has recovered from a torn ACL and is ready to build off a promising freshman year. Nick Saban has stocked the cupboards with plenty of intriguing starting options, including Jerrell Harris, Tana Patrick and Nico Johnson.

**6. Florida; 7. USC; 8. Michigan State; 9. Connecticut; 10. Oregon**



## TOP DB UNITS

**1. North Carolina** All four starters are back from a secondary that limited opponents to 174 passing yards per game and only 10 touchdowns. Cornerback Kendrick Burney picked off five passes last season and set a school record with 200 interception return yards. Charles Brown joins Burney at corner, with Da'Norris Searcy and Deunta Williams starting at safety.

**2. Texas** The Longhorns ranked second in the Big 12 in pass defense last year, and this unit is still in great shape, despite losing safety Earl Thomas. Safety Blake Gideon picked off six passes last season. The Longhorns also return three regulars at cornerback — Curtis Brown, Aaron Williams and Chykie Brown.

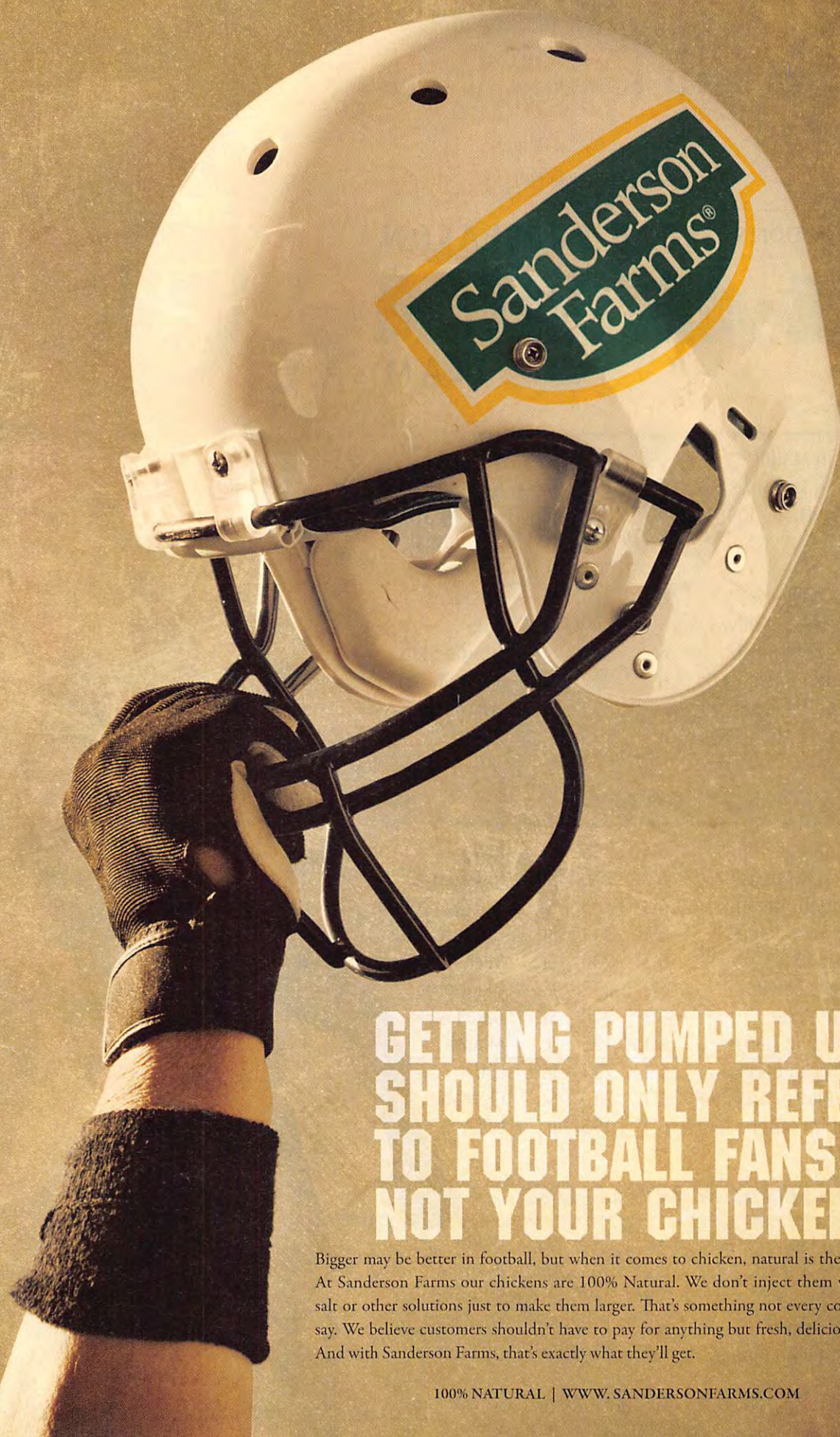
**3. Nebraska** The Cornhuskers were one of only four teams to allow fewer than 10 touchdown passes last year, and three starters return. Cornerback Prince Amukamara picked off five passes last season. Joining Amukamara at cornerback is rising star Eric Hagg and Alfonzo Dennard, while DeJon Gomes, P.J. Smith and Rickey Thenarse compete for time at safety.

**4. South Carolina** Opponents managed only 11 touchdown tosses on this secondary last season, and the unit could be even better this year. Stephon Gilmore is coming off a stellar freshman season and should be one of the top cornerbacks in the nation. Chris Culliver started at safety last year but will move to cornerback, with Akeem Augustine moving to safety.

**5. Clemson** DeAndre McDaniel and Rashard Hall combined for 14 interceptions last season and return to form one of the top safety duos in the nation. Marcus Gilchrist contributed at safety last year but moves to cornerback to ease the loss of Chris Chancellor and Crezdon Butler. Senior Byron Maxwell is expected to start opposite Gilchrist.

**6. Iowa; 7. Florida; 8. Ohio State; 9. West Virginia; 10. Oregon**





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<b>G</b>	Rodney Hudson	6'2"	282	Sr.	Florida State
<b>G</b>	Stefen Wisniewski	6'3"	297	Sr.	Penn State
<b>T</b>	Gabe Carimi	6'7"	315	Sr.	Wisconsin
<b>T</b>	Tyron Smith	6'6"	285	Jr.	USC

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<b>DE</b>	Adrian Clayborn	6'4"	285	Sr.	Iowa
<b>DE</b>	Greg Romeus	6'6"	270	Sr.	Pittsburgh
<b>DT</b>	Marvin Austin	6'3"	305	Sr.	North Carolina
<b>DT</b>	Stephen Paea	6'1"	311	Sr.	Oregon State
<b>LB</b>	Greg Jones	6'1"	235	Sr.	Michigan State
<b>LB</b>	Travis Lewis	6'2"	232	Jr.	Oklahoma
<b>LB</b>	Von Miller	6'3"	240	Sr.	Texas A&M
<b>CB</b>	Brandon Harris	5'11"	195	Jr.	Miami
<b>CB</b>	Patrick Peterson	6'1"	211	Jr.	LSU
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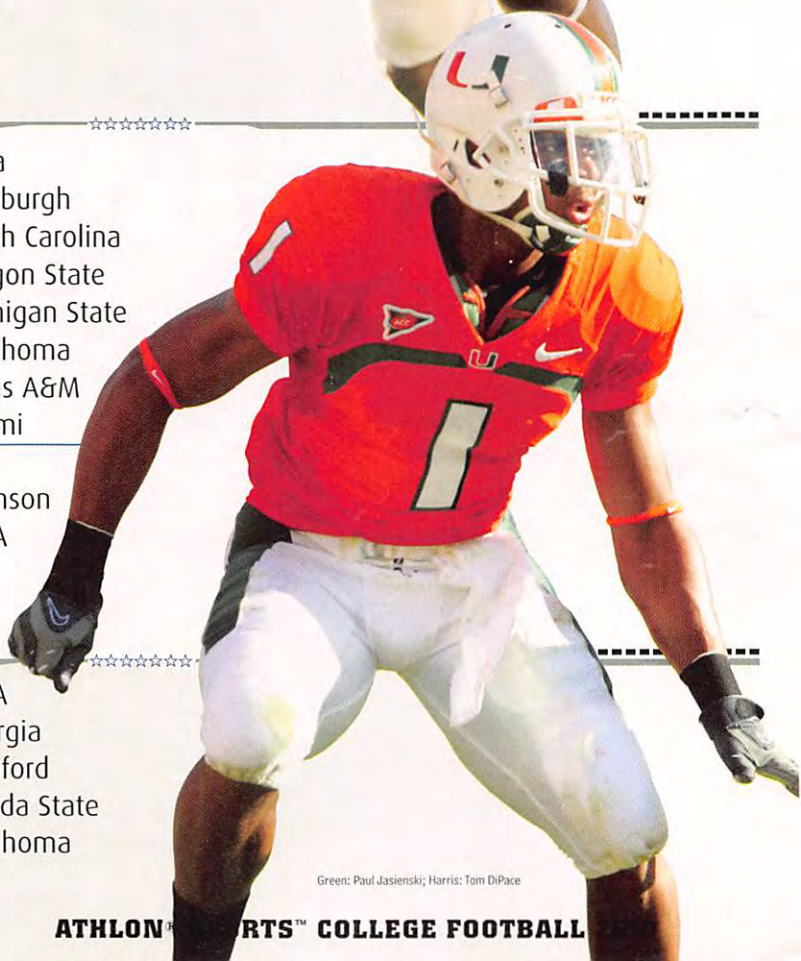
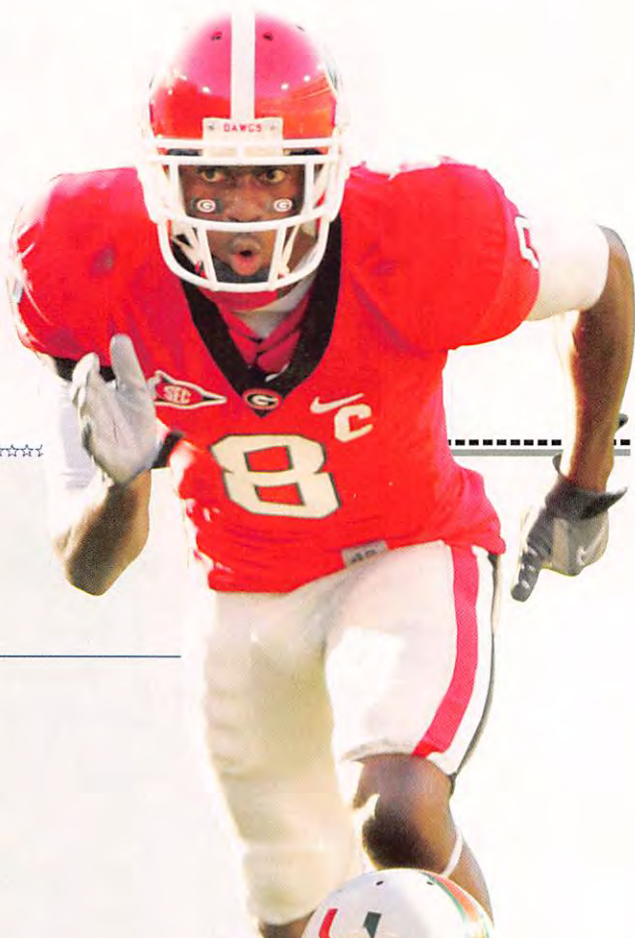
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## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

<b>K</b>	Kai Forbath	6'0"	192	Sr.	UCLA
<b>P</b>	Drew Butler	6'2"	203	Jr.	Georgia
<b>KR</b>	Chris Owusu	6'2"	202	Jr.	Stanford
<b>PR</b>	Greg Reid	5'8"	174	So.	Florida State
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<b>WR</b>	Michael Floyd	6'3"	220	Jr.	Notre Dame
<b>WR</b>	Jeff Fuller	6'4"	215	Jr.	Texas A&M
<b>TE</b>	Lance Kendricks	6'4"	239	Sr.	Wisconsin
<b>C</b>	Mike Pouncey	6'4"	310	Sr.	Florida
<b>G</b>	Justin Boren	6'3"	320	Sr.	Ohio State
<b>G</b>	John Moffitt	6'5"	323	Sr.	Wisconsin
<b>T</b>	Clint Boling	6'5"	304	Sr.	Georgia
<b>T</b>	Anthony Castonzo	6'7"	295	Sr.	Boston College

<b>QB</b>	Terrelle Pryor	6'6"	233	Jr.	Ohio State
<b>RB</b>	Noel Devine	5'8"	180	Sr.	West Virginia
<b>RB</b>	Dion Lewis	5'8"	195	So.	Pittsburgh
<b>WR</b>	Jonathan Baldwin	6'5"	225	Jr.	Pittsburgh
<b>WR</b>	James Rodgers	5'7"	188	Sr.	Oregon State
<b>TE</b>	Kyle Rudolph	6'6"	265	Jr.	Notre Dame
<b>C</b>	Michael Brewster	6'5"	293	Jr.	Ohio State
<b>G</b>	Zach Hurd	6'7"	323	Sr.	Connecticut
<b>G</b>	Barrett Jones	6'5"	280	Jr.	Alabama
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<b>T</b>	Nate Solder	6'9"	305	Sr.	Colorado



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<b>KR</b>	Tyron Carrier	5'8"	163	Jr.	Houston
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# COACHING CAROUSEL

The carousel was quite active in the offseason, with 22 coaching positions — roughly 18 percent of all FBS schools — changing hands. And not only was the amount of turnover high, but there are some major programs under new leadership — Notre Dame, USC, Tennessee and Florida State. The following is our take on the new coaches for 2010.



## Notre Dame » Brian Kelly

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Cincinnati

**Pros:** Kelly has a tremendous track record in his three stops as a head coach — Division II Grand Valley State, Central Michigan and Cincinnati. He has an overall mark of 171–57–2 and has won a conference title in three of his six seasons in the FBS ranks — two at Cincinnati and one at Central Michigan. His offenses have been explosive — UC led the Big East in both total offense (447.5 ypg) and scoring offense (38.7 ppg) last season — and he has done a great job tutoring his quarterbacks.

**Cons:** There's not much not to like with Kelly, but he isn't regarded as a top-flight recruiter. His two full recruiting classes at Cincinnati were ranked seventh (2008) and fifth ('09) in the Big East by Rivals.com.

**Final Analysis:** Notre Dame hit a home run by hiring Kelly. He went 23–3 with two Big East titles in his final two seasons at Cincinnati, and there is no reason to believe he will not have Notre Dame back to prominence in the near future. The days of losing at home to Syracuse are over.

## Akron » Rob Ianello

**Previous Job:** Assistant head coach (offense)/recruiting coordinator, Notre Dame

**Pros:** Ianello has been a recruiting coordinator at two high-level schools in the Midwest (Notre Dame and Wisconsin). Worked under Barry Alvarez for six years at Wisconsin, and Dick Tomey for seven years at Arizona.

**Cons:** He has never served as anything more than a position coach in his 22 years as a full-time collegiate coach.

**Final Analysis:** Ianello is far from a household name, but he has worked at some big-time schools for some highly respected coaches. Akron doesn't have a strong history of success, but the East is the easier of the two divisions in the MAC, so there is an opportunity for some upward mobility if he is able to bring in some top recruiting classes.

## Buffalo » Jeff Quinn

**Previous Job:** Offensive coordinator, Cincinnati

**Pros:** Quinn has been a trusted assistant to Brian Kelly, the new coach at Notre Dame, since their days at Division II Grand Valley State. He didn't call the plays for the high-powered Bearcat offense, but he was heavily involved in the game-plans every week.

**Cons:** Quinn has never been a head coach at any level and he has worked for the same head coach (Kelly) for the past 19 seasons. He doesn't have the most varied of resumes.

**Final Analysis:** He might not have any experience running his own program, but if I'm an AD at a MAC-level school, I'd be elated to bring on a guy who has worked so closely with Brian Kelly over the past two decades. This is a great hire.

## Central Michigan » Dan Enos

**Previous Job:** Running backs coach, Michigan State

**Pros:** Enos is a Michigan native who played quarterback at Michigan State and has spent eight years as an assistant coach in the state. He has three years of experience as an assistant in the MAC (Western Michigan, 2000-02).

**Cons:** Enos has only been a position coach at the FBS level.

**Final Analysis:** Over the past four seasons, CMU has averaged 9.5 wins and has won three MAC titles. Is Enos the man to keep the Chippewa train rolling? We'll find out. He has strong name recognition in the state and is regarded as a good recruiter, but the school could have found a coach with a more accomplished résumé.

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## Cincinnati » Butch Jones

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Central Michigan

**Pros:** Jones enjoyed a 27–13 record in his three seasons at Central Michigan, including a 20–3 mark in MAC games. His teams ranked second in the league in total offense all three seasons.

**Cons:** Jones has only coached two games without Dan LeFevour — one of the MAC's best quarterbacks ever — as his starter. Also, the Chippewas' defense ranked last in the MAC in two of his three seasons as the head coach.

**Final Analysis:** Jones walked into a great situation at Central Michigan, but he deserves credit for winning a bunch of games. Still, it won't be easy to keep Cincinnati at the top of the Big East. Brian Kelly did a tremendous job, but the program has some inherent disadvantages relative to several of its conference brethren.

## East Carolina » Ruffin McNeill

**Previous Job:** Defensive coordinator, Texas Tech

**Pros:** McNeill is an East Carolina graduate who did a solid job in his two-plus seasons as the defensive coordinator at Texas Tech. He was well-liked by his players at Tech, and he was a legitimate candidate for the full-time job that ultimately went to Tommy Tuberville.

**Cons:** McNeill has never been a head coach on any level. And while he did a great job improving the 2007 Texas Tech defense after being promoted during the season, his overall effectiveness has been overstated. The Raiders ranked eighth and second, respectively, in the Big 12 in scoring defense in the two seasons (2006, '05) prior to his assuming the post.

**Final Analysis:** McNeill wasn't ECU's first choice — Rick Stockstill of Middle Tennessee declined the job — but he is a solid hire for a school that has been a consistent winner in C-USA.

## Kansas » Turner Gill

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Buffalo

**Pros:** Gill went 20–30 in four seasons at Buffalo. Not great — until you factor in that the Bulls won a total of five games in the four seasons prior to his arrival. His 2008 team went 8–6 and won the MAC title.

**Cons:** None.

**Final Analysis:** Gill appears to be the right man at the right time for Kansas. He has experience as an assistant in the Big 12 (13 years at Nebraska), and he has already proven himself as a head coach.

## UL Monroe » Todd Berry

**Previous Job:** Offensive coordinator, UNLV

**Pros:** Berry has eight years of experience as a head coach, and he was the offensive coordinator at UL Monroe in 2004 and '05.

**Cons:** He has a 29–60 record as a head coach, including a 5–36 mark in the FBS ranks (Army 2000–03). He has two winning records in eight seasons as a head coach.

**Final Analysis:** Army is a difficult job, but Berry's record at West Point was dreadful. That has to be a cause for concern as he embarks on a new job at another school that has not experienced any sustained success in the FBS ranks.



## Kentucky » Joker Phillips

**Previous Job:** Offensive coordinator/head coach-in-waiting, Kentucky

**Pros:** The Kentucky grad has played a key role — first as the recruiting coordinator, then as the offensive coordinator and head coach-in-waiting — in the Wildcats' recent stretch of four straight winning seasons. His offenses have been solid, and he has shown an ability to adapt to the talent on his team.

**Cons:** None. Ideally, if you are BCS conference school, you'd like to hire someone with experience as a head coach, but it's hard to poke a hole in Phillips' résumé.

**Final Analysis:** The head coach-in-waiting isn't an ideal plan for many schools, but it worked for Kentucky. Phillips is a Kentucky native who appears to be the ideal fit to take over for Rich Brooks.



## Louisville » Charlie Strong

**Previous Job:** Defensive coordinator, Florida

**Pros:** Strong boasts as impressive of a résumé as you are going to find from someone who has never been a head coach. He has worked for highly accomplished coaches (Steve Spurrier, Lou Holtz, Urban Meyer) and has worked at several big-name schools (Florida, Ole Miss, Notre Dame, South Carolina). Recruiting should also be a strong suit for the new boss at Louisville.

**Cons:** You have to wonder why it took so long for Strong — regarded as one of the top defensive coordinators in the game — to land a job as a head coach.

**Final Analysis:** Strong possesses all the qualities necessary to be a good head coach, and he is at a school that should be able to sustain success in the Big East. Word of caution: Steve Kragthorpe also appeared to be a great fit at Louisville, and he arrived with experience as a successful head coach.

## Florida State » Jimbo Fisher

**Previous Job:** Offensive coordinator/head coach-in-waiting, Florida State

**Pros:** Fisher has been an integral part of the Seminoles' program over the past three seasons. And while the team hasn't lived up to expectations, his offenses have been relatively productive, ranking fourth, second and second in the ACC in total offense over the past three seasons. In addition, he has done a tremendous job recruiting during his short tenure as the head coach.

**Cons:** Fisher has never been a head coach on any level.

**Final Analysis:** Fisher's tenure as the boss in Tallahassee is off to a fine start, thanks to his work on the recruiting trail. But a program as storied as Florida State's didn't have to go the coach-in-waiting route. The school could have had its pick of just about any coach in the nation to succeed Bobby Bowden. What is so special about Fisher?



## Louisiana Tech » Sonny Dykes

**Previous Job:** Offensive coordinator, Arizona

**Pros:** Dykes did an astounding job as the coordinator at Arizona. He inherited an offense that ranked 105th in the nation in scoring (16.6 ppg) in 2006; in his first season ('07), the Cats ranked 56th (28.0 ppg), followed by 16th (36.6 ppg) in '08 and 61st in '09 (27.4 ppg).

**Cons:** Lacks experience as a head coach, but the son of former Texas Tech boss Spike Dykes has been around the game his entire life.

**Final Analysis:** It was only a matter of time before Dykes was given an opportunity to run his own program. There are no guarantees he will compete for WAC titles, but you can be sure that this disciple of both Hal Mumme and Mike Leach will run exciting offenses in Ruston.

## Marshall » Doc Holliday

**Previous Job:** Associate head coach, West Virginia

**Pros:** Holliday is a West Virginia native who is regarded as one of the top recruiters in college football. He did a solid job with his first class, signing a group that was ranked fifth in the league despite taking over in mid-December.

**Cons:** Holliday is well respected — he's been the associate head coach at three different schools — but he has never been a coordinator. Why not?

**Final Analysis:** You need more than positive energy to win football games, but Holliday has infused some much-needed enthusiasm into the program in a short amount of time. He will get good players to come to Marshall; now he just has to coach them.

## Memphis » Larry Porter

**Previous Job:** Running backs coach, LSU

**Pros:** Porter is a Memphis graduate who has a passion for the school. He has been a part of a winning program at LSU the past five years, and he is regarded as an outstanding recruiter.

**Cons:** Porter has done nothing other than coach running backs during his 12 years as a collegiate assistant coach.

**Final Analysis:** It's clear why Porter was hired: He is a Memphis alum and a good recruiter. Can he run a program? We'll find out.

## San Jose State » Mike MacIntyre

**Previous Job:** Defensive coordinator, Duke

**Pros:** MacIntyre has built a nice résumé in his 18 years as an assistant coach, from his five years in the NFL (including four with Bill Parcells in Dallas) to his four years at Ole Miss (1999-02) to his two years as the defensive coordinator at Duke. In his two seasons at Duke, the Devils ranked 60th and 61st in total defense — up from 92nd and 105th the previous two seasons.

**Cons:** Seems to be a strange fit. MacIntyre has spent all but two of his years in the collegiate ranks in the Southeast, and with the exception of his time with the Cowboys, he has never coached West of the Mississippi River.

**Final Analysis:** MacIntyre will bring a ton of energy to his new job. But you need more than energy to win at San Jose State, one of the more difficult jobs in the FBS ranks. The Spartans can be a factor in the WAC, but it will be difficult for the school to sustain success.



## South Florida » Skip Holtz

**Previous Job:** Head coach, East Carolina

**Pros:** Holtz is a proven winner, leading UConn to a 34-23 record in five seasons (at the FCS level) and East Carolina to a 38-27 mark in five seasons. He inherited an ECU program that won a total of three games in the two years prior to his arrival, and he guided the Pirates to a 5-6 record in the first year followed by four straight winning seasons.

**Cons:** None

**Final Analysis:** This is a great hire for a school that has enjoyed some big moments in recent years but has yet to truly break through in the Big East. Jim Leavitt did a tremendous job building the program; Holtz can take it to the next level.

## Tennessee » Derek Dooley

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Louisiana Tech

**Pros:** Dooley is a class act who will represent Tennessee in a positive manner — something his predecessor, Lane Kiffin, failed to do on several occasions. He has experience as a head coach, and he worked for Nick Saban, arguably the game's top collegiate coach, for seven seasons.

**Cons:** Simply put, Dooley's record at Louisiana Tech was not very good. In three years, he went 17-20 overall and 12-12 in the WAC, and he failed to record a single victory against a team that ended the season with a winning WAC record.

**Final Analysis:** Tennessee fans have embraced Dooley — the anti-Kiffin — but the goodwill he created by securing a top-flight recruiting class will quickly dissipate if he fails to produce on the field. Dooley could very well enjoy tremendous success, but his record at Louisiana Tech has to be a cause for concern.

## Texas Tech » Tommy Tuberville

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Auburn (2008)

**Pros:** Tuberville enjoyed a highly successful stint at Auburn, leading the Tigers to an 85-40 record in 10 seasons. His SEC mark was 51-29, and he went 47-17 in league play over an eight-year stretch from 2000-07.

**Cons:** Tuberville maintains that his plan is to run the spread offense that has been a staple at Texas Tech the past decade, but the last time he went to the spread — in 2008 at Auburn — the results were disastrous (2-6 in the SEC). Can this old-school coach who has won with defense and a power running game truly buy into the spread?

**Final Analysis:** Tuberville was perhaps the most underrated coach in the nation the past decade. He was remarkably consistent — eight straight winning SEC seasons — at Auburn in a league where it is very difficult to sustain success. As long as everyone remains on the same page philosophically (something that didn't happen at Auburn in '08), the Tuberville-Texas Tech marriage should be a happy one.



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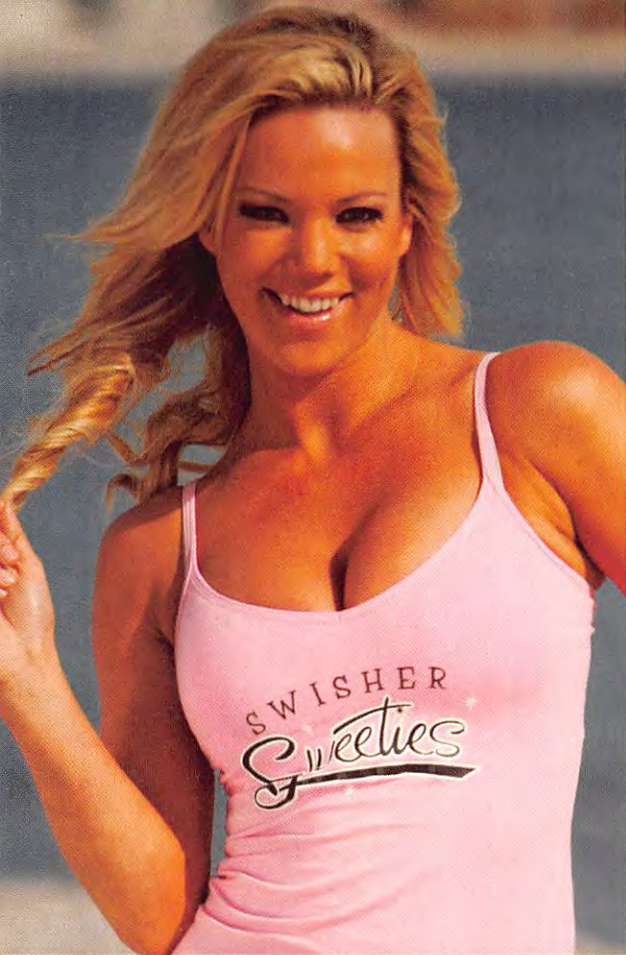
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## COACHING CAROUSEL

### UNLV » Bobby Hauck

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Montana

**Pros:** Hauck's record at Montana was sparkling; he led the Grizzlies to an 80-17 mark in seven seasons, including a 47-6 record in Big Sky play. Montana played in the FCS national title game three times (2004, '08, '09).

**Cons:** This might not be fair, but the last Montana coach hired by a Mountain West school didn't enjoy much success. Joe Glenn went 30-41 in six seasons at Wyoming. Prior to that, Mick Dennehy made the move from Montana to Utah State, where he went 19-37 in five seasons.

**Final Analysis:** UNLV is considered by some to be a sleeping giant in the MWC, but the school has had only one winning season (8-5, 2000) since 1994. Hauck has a great track record, but it will be far more difficult to win at UNLV in the improving MWC than it was to win at Montana in the Big Sky.



### USC » Lane Kiffin

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Tennessee

**Pros:** Kiffin has experience as a head coach both in the NFL (Raiders) and at a high-level BCS conference school (Tennessee). He has six years of experience as an assistant at USC and played a key role in the Trojans' dominant run in the 2000s. He is an outstanding recruiter, as well.

**Cons:** His record as a head coach is far from stellar — 5-15 in one-plus seasons with the Raiders and 7-6 in his only season at Tennessee. Also, Kiffin didn't exactly mind pushing the NCAA rules envelope while at Tennessee; his staff committed six secondary violations in his 14 months in Knoxville.

**Final Analysis:** Kiffin has a chance to be very successful at USC because it is a great job with a ton of resources. But it is noteworthy that a school that is facing an ongoing NCAA investigation hired a coach who showed so little regard for NCAA rules in his only season as a head coach.

### Virginia — Mike London

**Previous Job:** Head coach, Richmond

**Pros:** London enjoyed great success in two years as a head coach at the FCS level, guiding Richmond to a 24-5 record highlighted by the 2008 national championship. He is a Virginia native who served as an assistant with the Cavs for a total of six seasons in two stints.

**Cons:** If the school was trying to make a break from the previous staff, hiring London was not the way to go; he worked for Al Groh from 2001-04 and '06-07.

**Final Analysis:** This is one of the top hires of the 2009-10 offseason. London has a great résumé: He's been a recruiting coordinator; he's been a defensive coordinator; he has experience in the NFL; and he's been a head coach.

### Western Kentucky — Willie Taggart

**Previous Job:** Running backs coach, Stanford

**Pros:** Taggart is a Western Kentucky alum and was a four-year starter at quarterback from 1995-98. He was the school's co-offensive coordinator in 2002, when the Hilltoppers won the Division I-AA national title. Taggart also played a key role in Stanford's recent rise up the Pac-10 food chain.

**Cons:** None.

**Final Analysis:** Taggart is a perfect fit at Western Kentucky. He's a recent WKU graduate who has worked for two outstanding head coaches — Jack Harbaugh, his coach in college, and Jim Harbaugh, his boss at Stanford.



A man and a woman are dancing in a club. The man, in the foreground, is wearing a green t-shirt and a silver chain, looking down with a smile. The woman, in the background, is wearing a grey top and has her arm raised. The scene is lit with warm, club-like lighting.

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# COACHING JOBS

FROM FIRST TO WORST

We have ranked every program in the country, based on the attractiveness of the position from a coaching perspective. We considered many factors — tradition, facilities, location, money — but in the end, we simply asked ourselves the following question: Where would we want to coach?

by Mitchell Light

## 1 TEXAS



**Pros:** Texas offers the complete package: Great school in a great town with great tradition. And it's located in a state that treats high school football like a religion.

**Cons:** Texas has a ton going for it (see above), but it competes in the brutal Big 12 South, by far the more difficult of the league's two divisions. And while Texas is a recruiting power, there are three other BCS conference schools in the state, and virtually every other national power dips into Texas to recruit as well.

**Final Verdict:** It's easier said than done — just ask David McWilliams and John Mackovic — but everything is in place to win big on a consistent basis at Texas.



## 2 USC



**Pros:** The USC coaching staff has the ability to stock its roster with elite talent without ever having to jump on a plane. The program has a rich tradition, but it doesn't live in the past; the Trojans were dominant in the 2000s, winning seven straight Pac-10 titles (2002-08) and two national championships.

**Cons:** The Trojans have a great following, but the fan base doesn't have the same degree of passion that you will find at a top-tier SEC school. Of the top 15 schools in average attendance last season, USC ranked last in percent of capacity filled (90.59).

**Final Verdict:** USC could very easily be No. 1 on this list. If you're a West Coast guy, coaching the Trojans is as good as it gets. It's the best job in the Pac-10, and USC's back yard is the most fertile recruiting area in the country.

## 3 FLORIDA



**Pros:** Location. Location. Location. Florida is a public university in a state that produces a tremendous amount of top-flight talent. Ben Hill Griffin Stadium — better known as The Swamp — offers one of the best atmospheres in college football, and the fan base is as rabid as any in the nation.

**Cons:** Expectations are sky-high at a school that has won two national championships in the past four seasons. If you don't win — and win big — things can turn ugly very quickly. Just ask Ron Zook, who went 23-14 in three seasons in Gainesville.

**Final Verdict:** Florida presents one of the elite coaching opportunities in college football. You have everything at your disposal to compete for national championships on an annual basis. There is no excuse not to be good at Florida.

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## 4 ALABAMA

**Pros:** Tradition. With the possible exception of Notre Dame, no school in the country has more tradition than Alabama. The Tide have won 22 SEC championships and (depending on who you ask) 12 national titles. The facilities are top-notch, the fans are passionate and the recruiting base is strong.

**Cons:** Coaching football at Alabama is arguably the most stressful job in collegiate athletics. It takes a certain kind of coach to deal with that type of scrutiny.

**Final Verdict:** Alabama is unquestionably one of the premier jobs in the nation. A coach who can deal with the demands of the job — like Nick Saban — will win at a very high level in Tuscaloosa.

## 5 OHIO STATE

**Pros:** There are eight FBS schools in Ohio, but there is only one school named The Ohio State University. The Buckeyes have been a consistent force on the field and in recruiting since Woody Hayes took over in the early 1950s.

**Cons:** Expectations are extremely high in Columbus. Consider the case of John Cooper: In 13 seasons, Cooper went 111–43–4, winning 10 games or more five times. But he went 2–10–1 against Michigan, losing by an average score of 23–17, and lost his job after the 2000 season.

**Final Verdict:** Everything is in place to win a national championship at Ohio State. The facilities are top-notch, the fans are passionate, and the recruiting base is outstanding. Just don't lose to Michigan.

## 6 OKLAHOMA

**Pros:** Oklahoma has been a dominant force in college football dating back to the late 1930s. The state of Oklahoma produces a decent amount of talent, but this program has consistently been able to dip into Texas and steal more than its share of elite players — like Palestine native Adrian Peterson — on an annual basis.

**Cons:** The Big 12 South is a beast, and if you slip up just a bit there will be a host of teams ready to pass you on the food chain. With John Blake in charge in the late 1990s, OU went a combined 8–16 in the first three seasons of Big 12 action.

**Final Verdict:** Not every coach has won big at Oklahoma, but it is clearly one of the marquee jobs in the nation. Winning a national championship is well within your reach.

## 7 FLORIDA STATE

**Pros:** You can make the argument that Florida State offers all of the positives of Florida without the brutal competition of the SEC East. Would you rather battle Clemson, NC State and Boston College or Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina every year?

**Cons:** Florida State has a nice following, but its fan base can be on the fickle side. Last year, with the Seminoles mired in another un-FSU-like season, there were between 10,000 and 20,000 empty seats at Doak Campbell Stadium on more than one occasion.

**Final Verdict:** Florida State enjoyed an unbelievable run of success under Bobby Bowden from the late 1980s through the early 2000s. But the Noles have lost five games or more in four of the past five seasons. This can still be an elite program, but with each passing year, the climb back to the top gets a bit more difficult.

## 8 GEORGIA

**Pros:** Georgia has tremendous tradition and is located in arguably the finest college town in America — Athens. The Peach State might not yield talent at the same rate as Florida, Texas or California, but metro Atlanta is always strong, and towns such as Columbus, Valdosta and Warner Robins consistently produce elite talent.

**Cons:** There are really no negatives to be found at Georgia, other than the fact that you are competing in the very difficult SEC East and you have a fan base that demands that you win at a high level.

**Final Verdict:** Georgia is a great situation, but you clearly have to have the right guy in place to win big. After Vince Dooley won the third of three straight SEC crowns in 1982, the Bulldogs went nearly two decades — and went through two more coaches — before their next league title, won by Mark Richt in 2002.

## 9 LSU

**Pros:** It has become a bit of a cliché, but there really is nothing like being in Tiger Stadium on a Saturday night in the fall. That environment is one reason the Tigers are able to recruit so well. The other? The state of Louisiana is arguably the most underrated talent producer in the nation, and LSU reaps the rewards of those homegrown prospects.

**Cons:** LSU has so much going for it, but why have so many coaches failed to win at a high level in Baton Rouge? From 1971 through 2000, the Tigers only won one outright SEC championship, in 1986 under Bill Arnsparger.

**Final Verdict:** It's hard to find a reason why LSU would not be a desirable coaching position. Sure the competition is tough and the fans are demanding, but that comes with the territory. The school has won two national titles with two different coaches in the past seven seasons.

## 10 MICHIGAN

**Pros:** Michigan has as much tradition as any school in the country. The Wolverines have been a national power since the 1890s — having taught the game of football to schools like Notre Dame. They also play in one of the largest venues in the country, the 106,201-seat Big House of Michigan Stadium. The program's success and the school's academic reputation have allowed Michigan to be a major player in recruiting, both in the Midwest and nationally.

**Cons:** Michigan is an old-school program that is very set in its ways. A coach who comes in with a new philosophy — for example, Rich Rodriguez — could have a tough time being accepted.

**Final Verdict:** Michigan is no doubt an elite job, but as we have seen in the past few seasons — Rodriguez has won a total eight games in two years — you have to be the right fit to win big in Ann Arbor.

## 11 PENN STATE

**Pros:** Penn State is an enormous state university in an extremely fertile recruiting area. The Nittany Lions play in the largest facility in the country (Beaver Stadium, capacity 107,282), and they have won two national championships in the past 30 years.

**Cons:** Only one man has served as the head coach at Penn State since 1966. Every coach who follows will have to deal with Joe Paterno's legacy.

**Final Verdict:** Coaching Penn State is a tremendous opportunity for any coach, but don't dismiss the Paterno factor. Alabama is on its seventh coach since Bear Bryant retired in 1982.



## 12 NOTRE DAME

**Pros:** Notre Dame has three unique advantages compared to almost every school in the country — a national following, its own television contract and an unparalleled history that includes 11 consensus national titles and seven Heisman Trophy winners.

**Cons:** Notre Dame has struggled to compete at an elite level in the BCS era. The Irish are 84–62 dating back to 1998 with an unthinkable six non-winning seasons. The school's relatively high academic standards can make recruiting more challenging. Also, Notre Dame lacks the home-state recruiting territory of other national powers. Indiana is not great state for high school football.

**Final Verdict:** Notre Dame might not be the same job it was 20 years ago, but this is still a great situation for the right coach. You can win a national title with the Fighting Irish.

## 13 MIAMI

**Pros:** With the possible exception of USC and UCLA, no school in the country has a better local recruiting base. And while the Canes have struggled in recent years, the program won a national championship as recently as 2001 and played for a title in '02.

**Cons:** Miami has the smallest fan base of the top 25 teams on this list. Last season, the Hurricanes ranked 50th in the nation in attendance, averaging 47,551 per game at 75,540-seat Sun Life Stadium. The facility is 20 miles from the Coral Gables campus and lacks the big-time college football atmosphere.

**Final Verdict:** Miami is an intriguing job. The recruiting base is outstanding — which gives you a great opportunity to win — but the position lacks many of the other qualities that make coaching at a big-time school so attractive.

## 14 UCLA

**Pros:** UCLA shares the same built-in recruiting advantages as its cross-town rival USC, and the Bruins have the upper hand as far as on-campus facilities (newer, bigger weight room). The 2000s were relatively lean — five non-winning seasons — but UCLA won or shared three Pac-10 titles in the 1990s and four in the '80s.

**Cons:** Life can be tough when you are forced to share a city with one of the elite programs in the nation. And while the Rose Bowl is a beautiful place to play, the facility is 30 miles from campus.

**Final Verdict:** The Pac-10 is a very good league, but outside of USC there are no dominant programs. The right coach can have this program in contention for conference titles on a consistent basis.

## 15 OREGON

**Pros:** As long as Phil Knight and the University of Oregon remain in good graces, this program will be blessed with tremendous financial resources. The Nike founder and former Oregon track athlete has donated over \$100 million to the school's athletic department. In addition, the Ducks have a tremendous home field advantage at 54,000-seat Autzen Stadium, widely regarded as the most raucous atmosphere in the Pac-10.

**Cons:** Right now, it's difficult to find many good reasons why the head coaching position at Oregon would not be attractive. The school does lack tradition, but the Ducks have averaged 8.4 wins per season since 1994.

**Final Verdict:** Ten or 15 years ago, Oregon wouldn't be nearly as high on this list, but Knight's money and Mike Bellotti's recruiting transformed this program in the 2000s. It is now clearly one of the top 20 most-desirable positions in the country.

## TENNESSEE 16

**Pros:** Who wouldn't want to recruit to picturesque Neyland Stadium, with its 100,000-plus orange-clad zealots cheering on the Vols each week? And while Tennessee has struggled a bit in recent years, the program enjoyed tremendous success in the not-too-distant past. From 1989–2001, the Vols went 80–20–1 in the SEC and claimed four league titles. During that span, they were ranked in the top 10 of the final Associated Press poll seven times.

**Cons:** The Vols must recruit nationally because the state of Tennessee does not produce enough elite BCS conference players to stock the school's roster, a challenge that the Volunteers' chief rivals in the SEC don't face.

**Final Verdict:** Tennessee is a great place to coach, but the Vols have slipped down the SEC food chain over the past decade. Florida, Georgia, LSU and Alabama are clearly better jobs right now, and you could argue that Auburn belongs on that list as well.

## NEBRASKA 17

**Pros:** Strong tradition. Amazing facilities. Passionate fans. Those three things don't guarantee success, but they are a nice place to start. Playing in the Big 12 will afford you the opportunity to compete for a national title, and the path to that title game is much easier if you are in the North Division.

**Cons:** The Huskers won three national titles under Tom Osborne in the 1990s, but the program has slipped over the past decade. The state of Nebraska does not produce many high-end BCS conference players each year, and the program no longer has the sex appeal to steal elite players from the East Coast like it did during the Huskers' heyday of the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

**Final Verdict:** Nebraska is a unique coaching position. You have everything in place to win big — except a local recruiting base. How big is that hurdle? Significant but not insurmountable. The Huskers are no longer a top 10 job but still very desirable.

## TEXAS A&M 18

**Pros:** Texas A&M's facilities are among the very best in the nation. Kyle Field is a bit on the old side and it could use some renovations for fan amenities, but as far as the facilities for recruiting — football complex in the south end zone, the indoor practice facility — A&M has very few rivals. The Aggies also have one of the most spirited student sections in college football.

**Cons:** Barring an implosion at Texas and Oklahoma in the next few years, Texas A&M will have a difficult time being anything but the third-best program in the Big 12 South.

**Final Verdict:** Texas A&M is a very intriguing position. It has everything you would want in a job — great facilities, strong following, tremendous recruiting base — but the competition within the Big 12 South is so fierce. If you win at A&M, you will have earned it.

## VIRGINIA TECH 19

**Pros:** Virginia Tech has a very strong (and underrated) recruiting base, most notably the Hampton Roads-Tidewater area — better known as the '757' by recruiting gurus. The Hokies also have a passionate fan base that creates a tremendous environment at Lane Stadium.

**Cons:** The school has only been relevant on the national scene under Frank Beamer's watch. Could another coach recreate the magic?

**Final Verdict:** Virginia Tech isn't quite college football royalty, but it's not far off. The Hokies have won 10 games in six straight seasons and in nine of the past 11. You can win a national title in Blacksburg.



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## 20 AUBURN

**Pros:** Auburn and Georgia are the only two schools in the SEC with at least five winning conference seasons in each of the past four decades. Clearly, this program can be a consistent winner in the nation's most difficult conference.

**Cons:** Auburn is a state school with a great following, but it will always be No. 2 in Alabama behind the Crimson Tide from Tuscaloosa. "Roll Tide!" trumps "War Eagle!" in the Heart of Dixie.

**Final Verdict:** If your ego can handle being the second most important coach in the state, then Auburn can be a destination job. The school — with its fine tradition, strong facilities and outstanding recruiting base — has proven over time that it can compete on a national level.

## 21 CLEMSON

**Pros:** Clemson is an SEC-like school that has the luxury of playing an ACC schedule. The fans are rabid, the stadium is huge (capacity 80,301), and unlike many of its basketball-crazed ACC brethren, Clemson is a football school.

**Cons:** Clemson seemingly has so much going for it, yet the program hasn't won a league title since 1991. If you are a coach interested in the job, you'd have ask yourself the following question: Why is this program a chronic underachiever?

**Final Analysis:** Clemson presents a great opportunity. The program is a major player in the recruiting game, and it has so many built-in advantages compared to almost every school in the league. The Tigers are a snoozing giant in the ACC.

## 22 WEST VIRGINIA

**Pros:** West Virginia has the most captive audience of the Big East schools. There are no pro sports to share the spotlight with in the Mountain State; the Mountaineers are the game in town. And while the Big East takes its share of abuse, the league offers the easiest path to a BCS game — and BCS money — on an annual basis.

**Cons:** Under the current landscape, it is going to be difficult for a Big East team to play for a national title. A team like West Virginia would have to go undefeated, and even then the Mountaineers would have a tough time beating out a one-loss SEC or Big 12 team in the BCS standings.

**Final Verdict:** West Virginia is the best job in the Big East, which makes it attractive. But the relatively low national profile of the sixth BCS conference prevents it from being an elite job.

## 23 NORTH CAROLINA

**Pros:** The school is an easy sell for a recruiter: It's one of the premier public institutions in the nation, and its location, in picturesque Chapel Hill, is ideal. UNC has also made a huge financial commitment to football in the past decade.

**Cons:** North Carolina is — and always will be — a basketball school. That is something that every football coach must accept. And while the school has enjoyed pockets of success, it's been difficult to win consistently at UNC. Since Mack Brown bolted for Texas after the 1997 season, the Tar Heels have averaged 3.4 ACC wins per season.

**Final Verdict:** North Carolina's lack of success over the years might surprise even a knowledgeable college football fan. The Tar Heels have not won an ACC Championship since 1980 and have not strung together back-to-back winning ACC seasons since the mid-1990s. Still, this is a desirable position for a coach. It's a great school that has made a strong commitment to the football program.

## WASHINGTON 24

**Pros:** This is a proud program with great tradition. The Huskies won a national title in 1991 and claimed at least a share of five Pac-10 titles from 1990-2000. UW is in a great city (Seattle) and has a strong following when things are going well.

**Cons:** The Huskies have a great indoor practice facility, but otherwise their facilities are average at best. They don't have a football-only weight room, and Husky Stadium, which opened in 1920, needs a ton of work.

**Final Verdict:** The past decade has proven that it can be difficult to win at Washington. But this is still a very good job. Is it a great job? Not anymore. But it is still a prestigious program that can attract elite talent. You can win at UW.

## WISCONSIN 25

**Pros:** Wisconsin has been transformed into a football school over the past two decades. Badger faithful pack 80,321-seat Camp Randall Stadium each week and create one of the best environments in the nation. Madison is also a great place to live.

**Cons:** The school's local recruiting base isn't strong; the state has not produced a national top-100 player in the past three seasons. Also, the Badgers have only been relevant on the national scene since the early 1990s. Wisconsin lacks the tradition of many of its Big Ten rivals.

**Final Verdict:** Barry Alvarez turned Wisconsin from a Big Ten afterthought into a significant player in college football. But the Badgers' place as a top program is far from secure. Wisconsin, more than most of the other schools ranked in the top 25 on this list, needs the right coach in place to remain successful.

## SOUTH CAROLINA 26

**Pros:** South Carolina is home to arguably the most loyal fans in the nation. What other program has routinely filled an 80,000-seat stadium while averaging only six wins per season over the last two decades? In addition, the facilities are great, and the recruiting base is strong.

**Cons:** It's one of the big mysteries in college football: Why can't South Carolina win more consistently in the SEC? Since joining the league in 1992, the Gamecocks are 54-89-1 in conference games, with a high water mark of 5-3 on three separate occasions.

**Final Verdict:** Lou Holtz couldn't do it. Steve Spurrier hasn't been able to do it. So what makes you think you can break through into the upper echelon of the SEC?

## OKLAHOMA STATE 27

**Pros:** T. Boone Pickens is a very wealthy man, and he's a big fan of Oklahoma State football. As a result, the Cowboys boast some of the best facilities in the nation. And these facilities help the O-State coaches tap into a fertile recruiting ground in nearby Texas.

**Cons:** Since Oklahoma State joined the Big Eight in 1960, the Cowboys have finished ahead of Oklahoma four times. And in those rare cases when Oklahoma State is having the better season — like 2009 — the Pokes still have to deal with the mighty Texas Longhorns. The moral of the story? The competition in the Big 12 is almost insurmountable.

**Final Verdict:** In a vacuum, Oklahoma State would be a wonderful place to coach, but if you have your sights set on competing for a national title, Stillwater might not be the place for you. There's a reason the school has won only one conference title since the mid-1950s.



## 28 MICHIGAN STATE

**Pros:** Michigan State seemingly has everything in place to be a major player in the Big Ten — great fan support (averaged 74,741 per game in '09), good facilities, strong recruiting base and decent tradition.

**Cons:** Despite all of the positives listed above, Michigan State hasn't won a Big Ten title in two decades and has only averaged 5.7 wins in the 43 seasons since claiming a share of the 1966 national championship. Also, there's the Michigan thing: No matter how much success the Spartans enjoy, they will always be the second school in the state behind Michigan.

**Final Verdict:** Michigan State is a chronic underachiever and will never be the No. 1 program in its own state. Still, it's a good job. If you can change the culture in East Lansing — which every coach believes he can do — there is no reason Michigan State can't contend for Big Ten titles on a semi-regular basis.

## 29 PITTSBURGH

**Pros:** Pittsburgh is located in the heart of Western Pennsylvania, which gives the Panthers the best recruiting base of any Big East program other than South Florida. The school also shares its football facility with the Pittsburgh Steelers — which can be a positive (NFL influence) or negative (no on-campus stadium).

**Cons:** It's been tough to win consistently at Pittsburgh over the past three decades. The Panthers have only had a winning record in 14 of the 28 seasons since Jackie Sherrill bolted for Texas A&M in 1982.

**Final Verdict:** Dave Wannstedt has proven that you can attract talent to play at Pitt. But it's a school with a ceiling. The Panthers should be a consistent winner in the Big East, but can you win a national title? Not likely.

## 30 IOWA

**Pros:** Three key elements make Iowa an attractive job — it's the top school in the state (sorry, Iowa State), it has a strong tradition of excellence (five Big Ten titles since 1981, two BCS bowls since '03) and it has great fan support (70,214 per game in '09).

**Cons:** Iowa might be the top dog in the state, but the hunting grounds aren't very fertile. To remain competitive, the Hawkeyes' staff will always have to go into other teams' home states to recruit.

**Final Verdict:** It's difficult for a school that doesn't have a strong local recruiting base to compete for national title. It can be done — Nebraska won three titles in the 1990s — but that is a very big hurdle to clear.

## 31 COLORADO

**Pros:** Colorado lacks the tradition of some of the Big 12 powers, but this program has enjoyed strong pockets of success over the past 25 years. The Buffs won three Big Eight titles in a row from 1989-91 (along with a national title in '90), and they won four Big 12 North crowns in the 2000s.

**Cons:** The facilities at Colorado lag behind many of its Big 12 brethren, and the school's commitment to athletics has been questioned in recent years. Also, the CU fans can be fickle; Folsom Field (53,750) has rarely been filled to capacity over the past few seasons.

**Final Analysis:** Three different coaches have won 10 games in a season since 1990, so it's possible to win big at Colorado. But until the school makes a significant commitment to the program, CU cannot be considered an elite job.

## OLE MISS 32

**Pros:** Historically, Mississippi produces as many D-I prospects per capita as any state in the nation. A good coach will be able to keep the Rebels stocked with solid talent. Support for Rebel football is also at an all-time high; the Rebs averaged a record 55,767 in 2009. Ole Miss' facilities have improved greatly in the past five years.

**Cons:** You have to go back to the early 1960s to find a time in which Ole Miss was a major player in the SEC. The Rebels haven't won a league title since 1963, and they are the only team in the West that has not played in an SEC Championship Game.

**Final Analysis:** Ole Miss has made the commitment to its football program, but it takes more than a commitment to beat out Alabama, Auburn and LSU. The Rebels had arguably their most talented team in decades in 2009 yet went 4-4 in the SEC.

## ARKANSAS 33

**Pros:** Newly renovated Reynolds Razorback Stadium — with its 76,000 seats and 30x107-foot LED video screen — is one of the most underrated venues in the nation. Arkansas is the only BCS program in the state, giving the school an advantage in recruiting homegrown talent.

**Cons:** The Hogs have found it tough to win consistently since bolting the Southwest Conference for the SEC in the early 1990s. Arkansas is 65-77-2 in the SEC and has failed to have a winning league record in back-to-back seasons.

**Final Analysis:** Arkansas is quite similar to South Carolina and Ole Miss — solid programs that can't seem to get over the hump in a great league. It's a good job, but it's not a destination job for a coach with national title aspirations.

## CALIFORNIA 34

**Pros:** Cal is one of the premier public institutions in the nation and is located in a great area, making it more attractive to recruits than most other Pac-10 schools. The school is also located in the fertile recruiting area of Northern California. And the facilities, a longtime issue, are about to receive a major upgrade.

**Cons:** If the school follows through on the new facilities — it has already broken ground on a new athletic center — and Memorial Stadium is upgraded, then a negative will be turned into a positive. One word of caution, however: The Bears have had trouble winning consistently; they have two Pac-10 titles (none outright) since 1958.

**Final Verdict:** Cal is an intriguing job. There is a lot to like, but there are certain drawbacks. The culture of the University will likely prevent the football program from ever reaching elite status.

## SOUTH FLORIDA 35

**Pros:** South Florida has a tremendous local recruiting base and is a member of the conference with the fewest obstacles to a BCS bowl. The Bulls have an outstanding track record in their brief history; they have only one losing season in 10 years as a member of the FBS.

**Cons:** South Florida lacks tradition and does not have an on-campus stadium. And while the recruiting base is strong, South Florida will always have a tough time beating out the Big Three — Florida, Florida State and Miami — for top prospects.

**Final Verdict:** The school has a ton of potential, but it is difficult to get overly excited about a program that is the fourth-most relevant program in its own state — even if that state is Florida.



## 36 BYU

**Pros:** BYU has been one of the most consistent winners in college football over the past four decades. Since 1973, the Cougars have only had three losing seasons, and they have a national title (1984) on their résumé. The school's LDS Church affiliation gives it an inside track to land elite Mormon recruits from all over the country.

**Cons:** The recruiting pool, while national to some degree, is somewhat limited at BYU; the school has trouble attracting black players. The Mountain West is a solid league, but it's tough to be considered a destination job if you aren't in a BCS league.

**Final Verdict:** BYU is a unique position. For the right coach, it's a great job. You can win a bunch of games and flirt with the occasional BCS bowl, but it is very, very difficult for a Mountain West school to be a consistent force on the national scene.

## 37 MISSOURI

**Pros:** Missouri has arguably the best recruiting base among Big 12 North schools. The Tigers also get all the perks of Big 12 membership without having to face the superpowers in the South on an annual basis.

**Cons:** It's been tough to win consistently at Missouri. Dating back to the days of the Big Eight, the Tigers have had only five winning seasons in league play since 1983.

**Final Verdict:** Missouri is a good job — but not a great job. You can average eight wins per season and go to decent bowl games, but the Tigers aren't much of a threat to contend for Big 12 titles more than once every five or six years.

## 38 ARIZONA STATE

**Pros:** The Sun Devils have made a significant investment in their facilities in recent years, with an indoor practice bubble and new weight and locker rooms. Arizona State has won three Pac-10 titles in its 30-plus years in the league.

**Cons:** The facilities are outstanding, but Sun Devil Stadium needs an upgrade. And while the school has experienced pockets of success, the Sun Devils have only strung together back-to-back winning Pac-10 seasons once since John Cooper bolted in 1987.

**Final Verdict:** Arizona State offers a pretty good situation for a school without a strong local recruiting base. The weather is great and the tradition is good enough. USC will always be the No. 1 job in the league, but with the right coach in place, ASU can be a consistent force in the Pac-10.

## 39 GEORGIA TECH

**Pros:** Georgia is annually one of the top talent-producing states in the nation, giving the Yellow Jackets' staff an opportunity to land quality recruiting classes despite the fact that the University of Georgia is the top Dawg in the state. Tech has also proven over time that it can win consistently in the ACC; the Jackets have been .500 or better in league play in 15 straight seasons.

**Cons:** Georgia Tech will always be the second most popular program in its own city, which is probably more of a problem for the school's fans than its players and coaches.

**Final Verdict:** Georgia Tech might not come to mind when you think about some of the top programs in the nation, but this is a solid football school with underrated tradition. It's been proven that you can win titles — both ACC (2009, 1998, 1990) and national (1990).

## UTAH 40

**Pros:** Utah has emerged as one of the few non-BCS conference teams that is able to compete on the national scene. The Utes have averaged 9.8 wins over the past seven years, highlighted by two perfect seasons punctuated by BCS bowl wins — over Pittsburgh (after the '04 season) and Alabama ('08). Another plus: The state of Utah is an underrated talent producer.

**Cons:** Utah failed to climb higher than No. 6 in the BCS standings in either of its two undefeated seasons, a clear sign that it is almost impossible for a non-BCS school to play for a national title.

**Final Verdict:** If your ego can handle coaching at a school that is not in the BCS, then Utah is a great situation. You can win a bunch of games, routinely compete for a league title and play in the occasional BCS bowl.

## LOUISVILLE 41

**Pros:** Louisville has solid facilities and is in a good spot geographically to consistently attract top recruits. Kentucky is not a great talent producer, but Louisville can recruit Ohio and Illinois due to its proximity to those states and has always done a good job recruiting Florida.

**Cons:** The school lacks football tradition and doesn't have the fan base that most of the other schools ranked in the top 50 on this list possess. When the Cards are good, they draw well. But last season, they ranked 71st in the nation in attendance (32,540 per game).

**Final Verdict:** Like many of the schools in the Big East, Louisville is only as good as its coach. Bobby Petrino won big in his four years. Steve Kragthorpe flopped in his three seasons. With the right fit, Louisville can compete for league titles.

## BOISE STATE 42

**Pros:** Boise State has dominated its league over the past decade. The Broncos have won the WAC seven times in the last nine years and have averaged over 10 wins per season since 1999. The school has also been able to crash the BCS party two times in the past four seasons.

**Cons:** The WAC is among the weakest conferences in the nation and doesn't appear to be getting any stronger. Despite the school's tremendous success, it still has trouble attracting elite talent; the Broncos' recruiting class was ranked 82nd in 2010 and 72nd in '09 by Rivals.com.

**Final Verdict:** With its blue turf and its deep bag of trick plays, Boise State has created a brand for itself on the college football landscape. This is a cozy job for someone not interested in all of the perks that come with coaching in a BCS conference.

## ARIZONA 43

**Pros:** Arizona has never been a Pac-10 power, but the school has more than held its own for many of its 32 years in the league. The Wildcats had 11 winning Pac-10 seasons in a 13-year stretch from 1982-94. Good coaches have shown the ability to attract talent to Tucson.

**Cons:** The facilities at Arizona lag behind most of the other schools in the league. There are plans to upgrade, but until those plans become a reality, this will be an issue in recruiting.

**Final Verdict:** Being a good recruiter is obviously important at every school, but it is of paramount importance at Arizona. The school is without many of the built-in advantages (tradition, top facilities, etc.) that exist at some of the Pac-10 programs, so you have to convince players to come to Arizona for reasons other than the weather.



## 44 TEXAS TECH

**Pros:** Texas Tech has been one of the most consistent programs in college football over the past 20 years. The Red Raiders have been .500 or better in league play — SWC and Big 12 — 22 times in the past 24 seasons. The school has recently invested in the program with an \$84 million renovation to Jones AT&T Stadium.

**Cons:** While the program has managed to remain competitive, winning titles has been very difficult. Also, recruiting to Lubbock — the outpost of the Big 12 South — can be a bit difficult.

**Final Verdict:** Texas Tech might be the fifth most attractive job in its own division, but it's still a very good program that has proven it can remain relevant in the Big 12 South.

## 45 VIRGINIA

**Pros:** Virginia is great school in a great college town, and the state consistently produces a high number of BCS-level recruits.

**Cons:** The school has a surprisingly bad track record in football. George Welsh had a nice run in the 1980s and '90s, but other than that, the Cavaliers have had a tough time fielding a consistently competitive program. UVa has won a total of two championships (both shared) in its 56 years in the ACC. Recruiting can also be tough at Virginia, based on the school's relatively tough academic standards.

**Final Verdict:** This school should be able to be consistently competitive in the ACC. Other than its lack of tradition, everything is seemingly in place to elevate the profile of this program.

## 46 ILLINOIS

**Pros:** Illinois' local recruiting base — from Chicago down into St. Louis — is among the best in the Big Ten. The facilities (weight room, practice facility, locker rooms, etc.) are strong, and the stadium recently received a \$200 million upgrade.

**Cons:** Basketball is — and will always be — the top sport at Illinois. Football, for whatever reason, has never been much of a threat to break into the upper echelon of the league. Also, the fan support at Illinois isn't as strong as the top programs in the Big Ten.

**Final Verdict:** There is a lot to like about the job, but there are also reasons why the school has won only three Big Ten titles (two outright) since the early 1960s.

## 47 RUTGERS

**Pros:** Rutgers' location affords the coaching staff the opportunity to stock its entire roster with local talent. The facilities have been upgraded in recent years, most notably the \$102 million expansion to Rutgers Stadium. Also, being just over 30 miles from New York City — the media capital of the world — can't hurt.

**Cons:** The school has almost no tradition; prior to the mid-2000s, the program was irrelevant. And while support for football has grown, pro sports will always be No. 1 in the metropolitan area.

**Final Verdict:** Whether or not this is a true destination job is up for debate, but it's clear that you can win a bunch of games and go to bowl games at Rutgers.

## KENTUCKY 48

**Pros:** The SEC school has outstanding facilities and tremendous support; the Wildcats have averaged just under 70,000 at Commonwealth Stadium over the past three years.

**Cons:** The school lacks football tradition and the state of Kentucky rarely produces a high number of elite college prospects. With Florida, Georgia and Tennessee on the slate every season, the schedule will always be a tremendous challenge.

**Final Verdict:** Rich Brooks proved that Kentucky could be a consistent bowl team, but it will be very difficult for this program to move up the food chain in the SEC East. This is a good job with a ton of resources, but you aren't going to win a national title at Kentucky.

## STANFORD 49

**Pros:** Stanford offers the best combination of elite academics (top 5 in U.S. News & World Report) and big-time college football. The school's outstanding reputation allows the staff to recruit nationally.

**Cons:** Sustained success has been tough to achieve on The Farm; Stanford hasn't had three straight winning seasons since the mid-1970s. The school's strict academic standards — even for athletes — shrink the recruiting pool considerably.

**Final Verdict:** Stanford is not for everybody, but it is a great job for a coach who embraces the school's mission. The Cardinal struggled for much of the 2000s, but this is a program that can be a factor in the Pac-10 on a regular basis.

## NC STATE 50

**Pros:** The facilities at NC State are arguably the finest in the ACC. The spectacular Murphy Center, a football-only building, houses coaches' offices, the weight room and dining area for the players, among other things. The school's recruiting base, the Carolinas and Virginia, is also very good.

**Cons:** The school doesn't have a strong record of success. NC State hasn't won an ACC title since 1979 and has had only five winning league seasons since 1990.

**Final Verdict:** This program has underachieved over the past decade. Everything is in place — facilities, fan support, recruiting base — to be a consistent winner in the ACC.



**51. Maryland**

Good coaches have been able to win here

**52. Purdue**

Joe Tiller had the Boilers rolling for a while.

**53. Minnesota**

New stadium makes this job more attractive, but the Gophers will always struggle against Big Ten's elite.

**54. Kansas**

Solid athletic department but no tradition.

**55. Mississippi State**

Facilities are good, but competition is brutal.

**56. Houston**

Location makes it the best job in C-USA.

**57. Oregon State**

More desirable now than at any other time.

**58. Syracuse**

Tradition can only take you so far.

**59. Boston College**

Location hurts, but BC finds a way to win.

**60. TCU**

Best recruiting base in MWC, but it's the fifth best job in Texas. Constantly battling for attention in DFW market.

**61. Connecticut**

Top-notch facilities; weak recruiting base.

**62. Fresno State**

Prime location makes it No. 2 in the WAC.

**63. UCF**

Prime location makes it No. 2 in C-USA.

**64. Baylor**

Toughest job in the Big 12 South.

**65. Cincinnati**

Not every coach is as good as Brian Kelly.

**66. Washington State**

It's an uphill battle, but far from impossible.

**67. Kansas State**

K-State has few built-in advantages. Bill Snyder is the only coach who has figured out how to get it done.

**68. Northwestern**

Cats have found their niche in the Big Ten.

**69. Vanderbilt**

Glamour of the SEC, but so many hurdles.

**70. Iowa State**

Tough job but school has good fan support.

**71. Wake Forest**

Duke is the only tougher job in the ACC.

**72. Duke**

Basketball is king; it's No. 4 in the state.

**73. Indiana**

Support is weak; recruiting base is poor.

**74. Southern Miss**

You can always get talent at USM.

**75. San Diego State**

Sleeping giant is still napping.

**76. East Carolina**

Solid program: support, recruiting, tradition.

**78. SMU**

Solid tradition (yes, we know about the cheating) and a great recruiting base. But conference affiliation and weak fan support keep the ceiling low for the Mustangs.

**77. Colorado State**

Job has potential to be among MWC's best.

**79. Air Force**

It's the best job of the military schools.

**80. UNLV**

Getting players isn't the issue. Winning is.

**81. Hawaii**

Tougher to recruit to UH than most think.

**82. Marshall**

It's only the fourth best job in C-USA East.

**83. Navy**

Middies have found their best option.

**84. Northern Illinois**

Recruiting base makes it top job in the MAC.

**85. New Mexico**

Great location — unless you have to recruit.

**86. Wyoming**

Pokes have few built-in advantages.

**87. Memphis**

SEC recruiting base with C-USA support.

**88. UTEP**

Still in Texas, but it's not close to anything.

**89. Nevada**

A solid opportunity in a weak conference.

**90. Tulsa**

Third best job in a decent state for talent.

**91. Louisiana Tech**

Great talent base, but miscast in the WAC.

**92. Troy**

Easily the top gig in the Sun Belt.

**93. Army**

Kids would rather play for Air Force, Navy.

**94. Central Michigan**

Good coaches can win big at CMU.

**95. Miami (Ohio)**

The cradle of coaches has lost its luster.

**96. North Texas**

Good for its league, but No. 9 in the state.

**97. FAU**

Recruiting base makes it third in the Belt.

**98. Middle Tennessee**

Decent locale, but fan support is low.

**99. Toledo**

Nice tradition, but it's slipped in recent years.

**100. San Jose State**

Great location — if you are a realtor.

**101. UAB**

No tradition. No support.

**102. Bowling Green**

Urban Meyer isn't walking through the door.

**103. Western Michigan**

It's No. 4 in the state and No. 4 in MAC West.

**104. FIU**

Great location. No tradition.

**105. Rice**

It's the toughest job in the best state.

**106. Tulane**

Tommy Bowden proved you could win at Tulane — the Green Wave went 12-0 in 1998 — but support for the program continues to shrink. No on-campus stadium is a big detriment.

**107. Ohio**

OU hasn't won consistently since the '30s.

**108. Temple**

Big-city location gives it some appeal.

**109. Akron**

Zips have one league title in school history.

**110. Kent State**

Only one winning season since '87.

**111. Buffalo**

Turner Gill proved there is a pulse at UB.

**112. Utah State**

Aggies are a distant third in their own state.

**113. Idaho**

Boise's emergence has to irk Vandal fans.

**114. Ball State**

Cardinals are 53-88 over the last 12 years.

**115. Arkansas State**

Hasn't had a winning season in FBS ranks.

**116. Western Kentucky**

This fledgling FBS program has potential, but right now it's tough to rank the Toppers much higher.

**117. Louisiana-Lafayette**

It's a better job than Louisiana-Monroe.

**118. Louisiana-Monroe**

Warhawks can't break through in the Belt.

**119. New Mexico State**

Hasn't won a bowl game since 1960.

**120. Eastern Michigan**

Averaged 5,016 fans per game in 2009.





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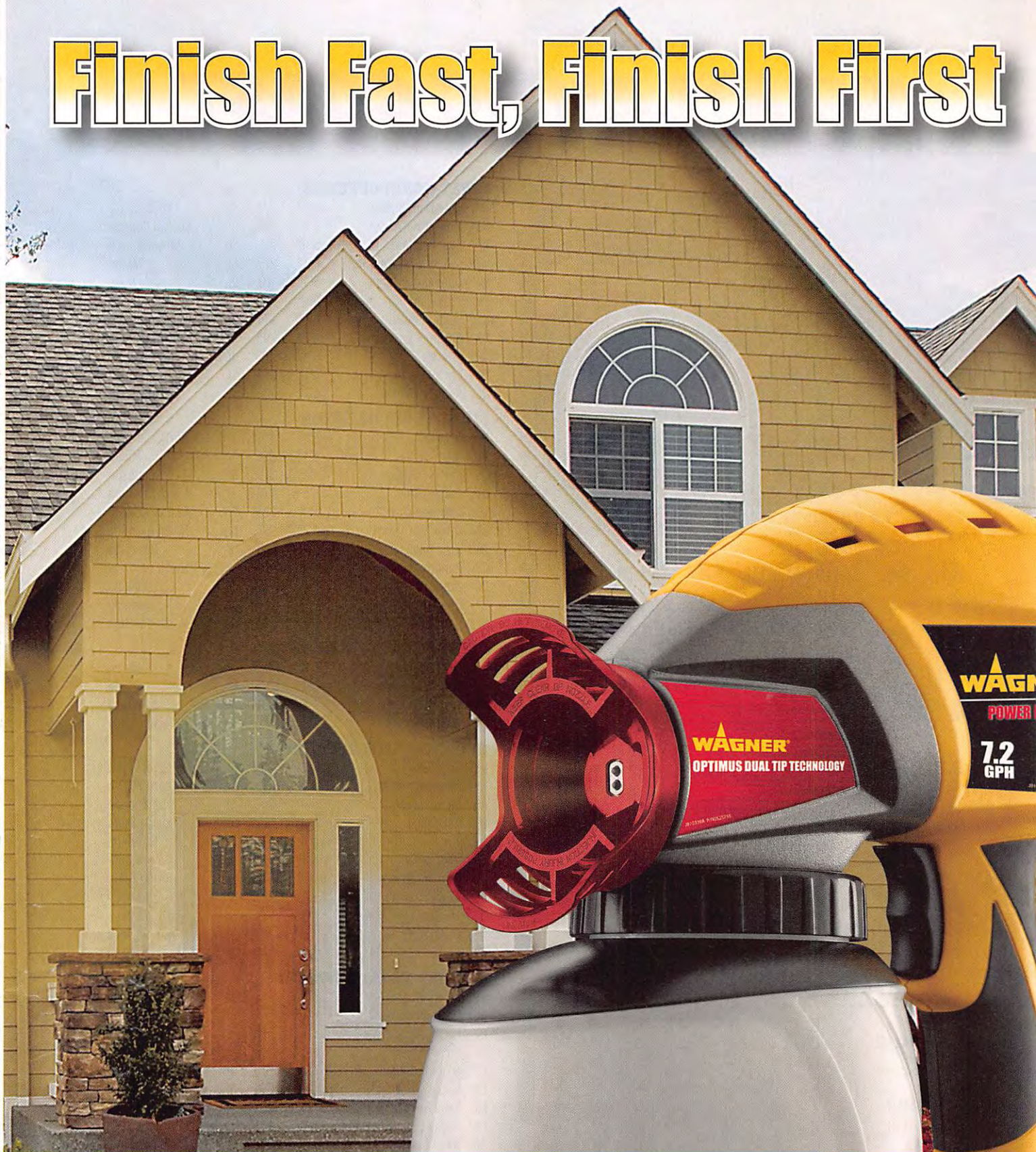
## TOP 25

		PREDICTED RECORD
	1. ALABAMA	12-1
	2. OHIO STATE	12-0
	3. USC	12-1
	4. BOISE STATE	11-1
	5. OKLAHOMA	12-1
	6. FLORIDA	11-1
	7. NEBRASKA	11-2
	8. TEXAS	10-2
	9. OREGON	10-2
	10. VIRGINIA TECH	12-1
	11. TCU	11-1
	12. IOWA	10-2
	13. FLORIDA STATE	9-4
	14. MIAMI	9-3
	15. GEORGIA	10-2
	16. WISCONSIN	10-2
	17. ARKANSAS	9-3
	18. PITTSBURGH	9-3
	19. NORTH CAROLINA	8-4
	20. CONNECTICUT	9-3
	21. MISSOURI	9-3
	22. AUBURN	8-4
	23. PENN STATE	9-3
	24. LSU	8-4
	25. CLEMSON	9-3

26. Notre Dame	8-4	74. Syracuse	5-7
27. Oregon State	8-4	75. Minnesota	4-8
28. Georgia Tech	8-4	76. Iowa State	3-9
29. West Virginia	9-3	77. Troy	9-3
30. South Carolina	8-4	78. Vanderbilt	3-9
31. Michigan State	8-4	79. Louisville	3-9
32. Stanford	8-4	80. Middle Tennessee	8-4
33. Navy	9-3	81. Virginia	3-9
34. Boston College	8-4	82. UTEP	7-5
35. Texas A&M	8-4	83. Wyoming	6-6
36. Rutgers	8-4	84. Louisiana Tech	6-6
37. Texas Tech	8-4	85. Army	6-6
38. Arizona	7-5	86. San Diego State	5-7
39. Utah	9-3	87. Marshall	7-5
40. Washington	7-5	88. Tulsa	6-6
41. California	7-5	89. Colorado State	4-8
42. Houston	10-3	90. Ohio	8-4
43. Cincinnati	6-6	91. East Carolina	5-7
44. BYU	8-4	92. Toledo	6-6
45. South Florida	6-6	93. Utah State	5-7
46. Oklahoma State	7-5	94. Hawaii	6-7
47. Tennessee	6-6	95. Central Michigan	6-6
48. Michigan	7-5	96. Washington State	1-11
49. Northwestern	7-5	97. Kent State	6-6
50. Kansas	6-6	98. Memphis	3-9
51. Kentucky	6-6	99. FAU	5-7
52. Air Force	7-5	100. Rice	3-9
53. Ole Miss	6-6	101. Idaho	4-8
54. Mississippi State	5-7	102. Buffalo	5-7
55. Purdue	6-6	103. UNLV	2-10
56. UCLA	5-7	104. UAB	3-9
57. Nevada	9-4	105. New Mexico	2-10
58. Southern Miss	8-5	106. Western Michigan	5-7
59. Fresno State	8-4	107. Arkansas State	5-7
60. UCF	8-4	108. Ball State	4-8
61. NC State	6-6	109. Akron	3-9
62. Arizona State	4-8	110. San Jose State	3-10
63. Baylor	5-7	111. Bowling Green	2-10
64. Temple	10-3	112. UL Monroe	5-7
65. Colorado	4-8	113. UL Lafayette	4-8
66. Kansas State	5-7	114. Miami (Ohio)	1-11
67. Maryland	4-8	115. North Texas	2-10
68. Wake Forest	4-8	116. Tulane	1-11
69. SMU	8-4	117. New Mexico State	1-11
70. Duke	4-8	118. Florida International	1-11
71. Illinois	4-8	119. Western Kentucky	0-12
72. Northern Illinois	9-4	120. Eastern Michigan	0-12
73. Indiana	5-7		



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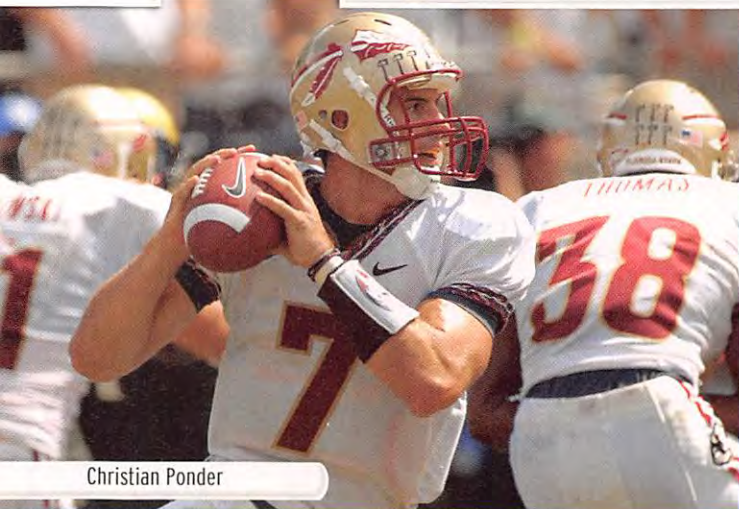


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## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	ATLANTIC	ACC	OVERALL
	1. FLORIDA STATE	7-1	9-4
	2. CLEMSON	6-2	9-3
	3. BOSTON COLLEGE	4-4	8-4
	4. NC STATE	2-6	6-6
	5. MARYLAND	2-6	4-8
	6. WAKE FOREST	2-6	4-8
	COASTAL		
	1. VIRGINIA TECH	7-1	12-1
	2. MIAMI	6-2	9-3
	3. NORTH CAROLINA	5-3	8-4
	4. GEORGIA TECH	5-3	8-4
	5. DUKE	2-6	4-8
	6. VIRGINIA	0-8	3-9

## ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

VIRGINIA TECH OVER FLORIDA STATE

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOSTON COLLEGE	8	3	11	2	6	2	8
CLEMSON	6	5	9	3	2	8	2
DUKE	9	11	2	8	12	12	12
FLORIDA STATE	1	4	3	1	5	6	9
GEORGIA TECH	2	2	12	5	10	9	6
MARYLAND	10	7	7	9	11	3	10
MIAMI	3	6	1	6	3	4	3
NORTH CAROLINA	7	8	6	7	1	1	1
NC STATE	4	10	4	10	9	5	11
VIRGINIA	11	12	10	12	8	10	5
VIRGINIA TECH	5	1	8	4	4	7	4
WAKE FOREST	12	9	5	11	7	11	7

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Christian Ponder	6'3"	227	Sr.	Florida State
RB	Montel Harris	5'10"	200	Jr.	Boston College
RB	Ryan Williams	5'10"	211	So.	Virginia Tech
WR	Leonard Hankerson	6'3"	215	Sr.	Miami
WR	Donovan Varner	5'9"	170	Jr.	Duke
TE	Zack Pianto	6'4"	255	Sr.	North Carolina
C	Sean Bedford	6'1"	274	Sr.	Georgia Tech
OL	Anthony Castonzo	6'7"	295	Sr.	Boston College
OL	Andrew Datko	6'6"	303	Jr.	Florida State
OL	Chris Hairston	6'7"	325	Sr.	Clemson
OL	Rodney Hudson	6'2"	282	Sr.	Florida State

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Marvin Austin	6'3"	305	Sr.	North Carolina
DL	Allen Bailey	6'4"	288	Sr.	Miami
DL	Jarvis Jenkins	6'4"	310	Sr.	Clemson
DL	Robert Quinn	6'5"	270	Jr.	North Carolina
LB	Luke Kuechly	6'3"	225	So.	Boston College
LB	Quan Sturdivant	6'2"	235	Sr.	North Carolina
LB	Alex Wujciak	6'3"	245	Sr.	Maryland
CB	Kendric Burney	5'9"	190	Sr.	North Carolina
CB	Brandon Harris	5'11"	195	Jr.	Miami
S	DeAndre McDaniel	6'1"	210	Sr.	Clemson
S	Deunta Williams	6'2"	210	Sr.	North Carolina

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Matt Boshier	6'0"	205	Sr.	Miami
P	Matt Boshier	6'0"	205	Sr.	Miami
KR	Torrey Smith	6'1"	200	Jr.	Maryland
PR	Greg Reid	5'8"	174	So.	Florida State

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Josh Nesbitt	6'1"	218	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB	Anthony Allen	6'0"	239	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB	Da'Rel Scott	5'11"	200	Sr.	Maryland
WR	Bert Reed	5'10"	167	Jr.	Florida State
WR	Torrey Smith	6'1"	200	Jr.	Maryland
TE	George Bryan	6'5"	265	Jr.	NC State
C	Ryan McMahon	6'1"	284	Sr.	Florida State
OL	Austin Barrick	6'3"	284	Sr.	Georgia Tech
OL	Thomas Claiborne	6'3"	325	Sr.	Boston College
OL	Blake DeChristopher	6'5"	304	Jr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Orlando Franklin	6'7"	318	Sr.	Miami

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Alex Albright	6'5"	248	Sr.	Boston College
DL	Da'Quan Bowers	6'4"	280	Jr.	Clemson
DL	Matt Conrath	6'7"	270	Jr.	Virginia
DL	John Graves	6'3"	283	Sr.	Virginia Tech
LB	Nigel Bradham	6'2"	241	Jr.	Florida State
LB	Bruce Carter	6'3"	230	Sr.	North Carolina
LB	Sean Spence	6'0"	212	Jr.	Miami
CB	Rashad Carmichael	5'11"	190	Sr.	Virginia Tech
CB	Ras-I Dowling	6'2"	200	Sr.	Virginia
S	Rashard Hall	6'2"	195	So.	Clemson
S	Davon Morgan	6'0"	198	Sr.	Virginia Tech

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Will Snyderwine	5'10"	190	Jr.	Duke
P	Travis Baltz	6'3"	210	Sr.	Maryland
KR	Dyrell Roberts	6'2"	196	Jr.	Virginia Tech
PR	Da'Norris Searcy	6'0"	210	Sr.	North Carolina

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# BOSTON COLLEGE

## EAGLES

CHESTNUT HILL, MASS. ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500)

**OFFENSE** After emerging last spring without an experienced quarterback on its roster, BC returns a starting quarterback for the first time since Matt Ryan led the Eagles in 2007. Dave Shinskie, a 25-year-old former minor league pitcher, shook off six years of rust to claim the starting job in the last 10 games of the season, setting BC freshman passing records for yards (2,049) and touchdowns (15). Coach Frank Spaziani lauds Shinskie for the job he did, saying if it weren't for his performance the Eagles would never have gone 8-5 (5-3 ACC) last season. But, Spaziani adds, "He also threw a lot of interceptions," referring to Shinskie's 14 picks, something the well-seasoned sophomore must correct this season.

Depth among BC's receiving corps will be a concern after the loss of Rich Gunnell, who ended his career as the school's all-time leader in receiving yards. Shinskie will have to develop chemistry not only with a new corps of receivers, headed up by talented junior Colin Larmond Jr., but also with a new center. Junior Nathan Richman, a 10-game starter at left guard last season, is expected to replace three-year starter Matt Tennant.

# 12.2

Linebacker Luke Kuechly averaged 12.2 tackles per game in his phenomenal freshman campaign, the highest average of any rookie since the NCAA began tracking tackles in 2003.

Junior running back Montel Harris was a stalwart who rushed 308 times for 1,457 yards and scored 14 of BC's 17 rushing touchdowns a year ago. He'll likely be expected to shoulder much of the burden again this season as the offense jells.

**DEFENSE** Five fifth-year seniors will need to be replaced on defense, including three among the front seven. The defensive line will be anchored by senior end Alex Albright and

senior Brad Newman, who was shifted from end to tackle.

BC returns an impressive group of linebackers led by sophomore Luke Kuechly, who had a phenomenal freshman season with a team-leading 158 tackles and 13 tackles for a loss (for 42 yards). Kuechly will move from outside to middle linebacker, and it is hoped he will get the opportunity to play alongside Mark Herzlich, who sat out last season while battling Ewing's sarcoma. Now cancer-free, Herzlich, the 2008 ACC Defensive Player of the Year, is battling to get back on the field, which would make an already-solid group that much better. "We're all rooting for him," Spaziani says.

Safety Wes Davis and cornerback DeLeon Gause, both seniors, anchor a talented secondary.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior punter Ryan Quigley, who ranked third in the ACC with his punting average of 40.8 yards, becomes the most trustworthy leg on BC's special teams unit after the departure of dependable kicker Steve Aponavicius, who converted 13-of-14 field goals and 39-of-40 extra points last year. Quigley, who also handled kickoffs, could wind up vying with redshirt freshman Nate Freese for the vacancy. Gause and Harris are likely to get a crack as kick and punt returners.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Given the challenges they faced last season — a new quarterback, inexperienced linebackers, a new coaching staff, all while coping with the cancer diagnosis of their best defensive player — the fact that the Eagles won eight games and went to an 11th consecutive bowl game was nothing short of miraculous.

Spaziani holds no such illusions about his second season in Chestnut Hill. He knows much work must be done to replace a number of talented players.

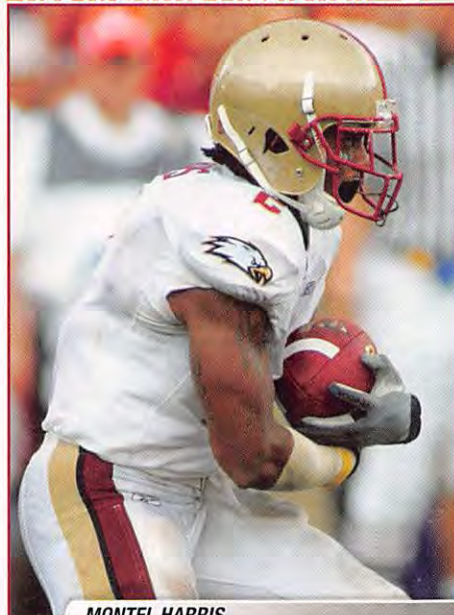
The only miracle he is hoping for, though, is the return to the field of a healthy Herzlich.

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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MONTEL HARRIS

### THE QUOTE

"I don't think they'll be all that good this year, but I didn't think they'd be any good last year and they won eight games."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	10 Colin Larmond Jr. (Jr.)	17 Clyde Lee (So.)
WR	14 Billy Flutie (Sr.)	30 Donte Elliott (So.)
LT	74 Anthony Castonzo (Sr.)	73 John Wetzel (So.)
LG	77 Emmett Cleary (So.)	69 Mark Spinney (Jr.)
C	75 Nathan Richman (Jr.)	62 Ian White (Fr.)
RG	78 Thomas Claiborne (Sr.)	71 Nick Halloran (So.)
RT	66 Rich Lapham (Sr.)	72 Mike Goodman Jr. (So.)
TE	81 Chris Pantale (So.)	87 Lars Anderson (Jr.)
QB	15 Dave Shinskie (So.)	16 Mike Marscovetra (So.)
FB	36 James McCluskey (Sr.)	13 Codi Boek (Sr.)
RB	2 Montel Harris (Jr.)	29 Rolandan Finch (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	98 Alex Albright (Sr.)	91 Kasim Edeballi (Fr.)
LT	55 Damik Scafe (Sr.)	96 Kaleb Ramsey (Jr.)
RT	47 Brad Newman (Sr.)	61 Conor O'Neal (So.)
DE	56 Max Holloway (So.)	33 Dan Williams (Jr.)
SLB	54 Nick Clancy (So.)	32 Kevin Pierre-Louis (Fr.)
MLB	40 Luke Kuechly (So.)	50 Will Thompson (Jr.)
WLB	94 Mark Herzlich (Sr.)	53 Mike Morrissey (Sr.)
CB	4 Donnie Fletcher (Jr.)	25 Chris Fox (Sr.)
CB	9 DeLeon Gause (Sr.)	19 Isaac Johnson (Jr.)
SS	26 Dominick LeGrande (Jr.)	23 Jim Noel (So.)
FS	45 Wes Davis (Sr.)	27 Okechukwu Okoroha (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	43 Nate Freese (Fr.)	KR	2 Montel Harris (Jr.)
P	46 Ryan Quigley (Jr.)	PR	9 DeLeon Gause (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Dave Shinskie, 288-149-2,049-14, 15 TDs  
 Rushing: Montel Harris, 308 car., 1,457 yds., 14 TDs  
 Receiving: Colin Larmond Jr., 29 rec., 596 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Luke Kuechly, 158, 87 solo  
 Sacks: Two players tied with 2  
 Interceptions: Wes Davis, 3 for 33 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Weber State
Sept. 11	Kent State
Sept. 25	Virginia Tech
Oct. 2	Notre Dame
Oct. 9	at NC State
Oct. 16	at Florida State
Oct. 23	Maryland
Oct. 30	Clemson
Nov. 6	at Wake Forest
Nov. 13	at Duke
Nov. 20	Virginia
Nov. 27	at Syracuse

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-3)

Sept. 5	Northeastern	W	54-0
Sept. 12	Kent State	W	34-7
Sept. 19	at Clemson	L	7-25
Sept. 26	Wake Forest	W (ot)	27-24
Oct. 3	Florida State	W	28-21
Oct. 10	at Virginia Tech	L	14-48
Oct. 17	NC State	W	52-20
Oct. 24	at Notre Dame	L	16-20
Oct. 31	Central Michigan	W	31-10
Nov. 14	at Virginia	W	14-10
Nov. 21	North Carolina	L	13-31
Nov. 28	at Maryland	W	19-17
Dec. 26	#USC	L	13-24

#Emerald Bowl

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.8 ppg	9	79
Rushing	136.9 ypg	6	71
Passing	187.0 ypg	8	93
Total	323.9 ypg	9	98
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	19.8 ppg	3	19
Rushing	103.2 ypg	2	14
Passing	224.5 ypg	10	71
Total	327.6 ypg	4	26
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
-3	-0.23	9	75

HEAD COACH: FRANK SPAZIANI RECORD AT SCHOOL: 9-5 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 9-5 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GARY TRANQUILL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILL MCGOVERN





**OFFENSE** When in doubt, give the ball to C.J. Spiller. In his first full season as Clemson's football coach, Dabo Swinney abided by that directive. As he heads into his second full season, one that will feature a more difficult schedule, Swinney won't have the luxury of Spiller's game-breaking talents.

Major holes exist at receiver after the loss of Jacoby Ford, not to mention productive tight end Michael Palmer. The offensive line is perilously thin. And quarterback Kyle Parker entered the summer uncertain whether he'd strap on a helmet again.

Yet there's optimism that this group can move the ball enough to win. The Tigers won't exactly be slumming it with tailbacks Andre Ellington and Jamie Harper. As a redshirt freshman, Ellington played in all 14 games and averaged 7.2 yards per carry. He has nice burst, and he hits the hole more decisively than Spiller. Harper's production in his first two seasons hasn't matched the hype that accompanied his ballyhooed signing, but he's poised to emerge as a junior.

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Andre Ellington and Jamie Harper combined to average 6.2 yards per carry last season — higher than C.J. Spiller's average of 5.6.

The top six linemen are solid, and the only loss from last year's group is left guard Thomas Austin. But just one or two injuries could make things scary in a hurry.

Coaches went into the summer not knowing whether Parker would bolt for a career in pro baseball. Backup Tajh Boyd has a big arm and should be good in time, but the offense could struggle if Parker isn't around.

**DEFENSE** After one season in Clemson, defensive coordinator Kevin Steele came extremely close to accepting a lucrative offer

and joining his alma mater Tennessee. He chose to stick around, and he presides over a defense that should be among the top two or three in the ACC.

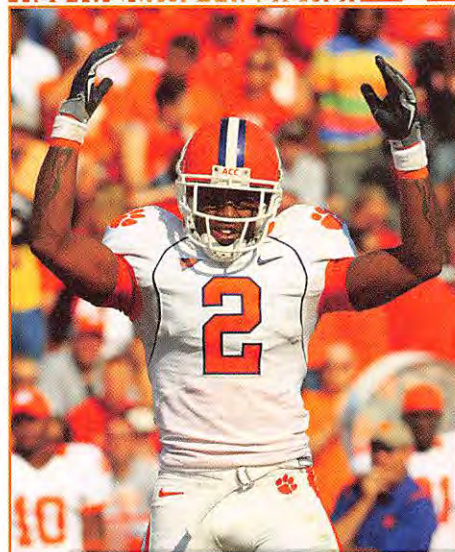
The front four is talented and deep. On the interior, Jarvis Jenkins and Brandon Thompson should play in the NFL one day. And there's veteran experience behind them in Jamie Cumbie, Rennie Moore and Miguel Chavis. End Ricky Sapp is gone, but Da'Quan Bowers returns. And junior end Andre Branch is poised for a breakout season.

There aren't many better safety combinations than DeAndre McDaniel and Rashard Hall. The Tigers lost veteran corners Chris Chancellor and Crezdon Butler, but there shouldn't be much dropoff with Marcus Gilchrist and Byron Maxwell.

Easily the biggest question mark is linebacker, where the defense suffered costly breakdowns during a late-season swoon. Sophomore Corico Hawkins is a serious contender in the middle, where Brandon Maye played last season. If that happens, Maye could move over to the weak side.

**SPECIALISTS** Richard Jackson made 11-of-13 field goals in the first three games last season but followed that by going 9-of-18. Jackson and 2010 contender Spencer Benton also combined to miss five extra points last season, three of them coming in one game. Junior Dawson Zimmerman is battling with Jackson for the starting job at punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The biggest question of the offseason was whether Parker would play another down of football after leading the Tigers to nine wins and an Atlantic Division title last fall. If Parker isn't around, it's hard to forecast this team advancing to the ACC title game again. But if the offensive line stays healthy and some playmakers emerge at receiver, the defense is good enough to keep the Tigers in most games.



DEANDRE MCDANIEL

### THE QUOTE

"The Tigers might have the best pair of safeties in the league, but Da'Quan Bowers has to become a dominant pass rusher. He has tons of potential, but doesn't play every down like his hair is on fire."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR 21	Xavier Dye (Sr.)	85	Brandon Clear (Jr.)
WR 87	Terrance Ashe (Sr.)	18	Jaron Brown (So.)
WR 26	Marquan Jones (Jr.)	7	Bryce McNeal (Fr.)
LT 61	Chris Hairston (Sr.)	63	Brandon Thomas (Fr.)
LG 73	David Smith (Jr.)	62	Mason Cloy (Jr.)
C 55	Dalton Freeman (So.)	62	Mason Cloy (Jr.)
RG 74	Antoine McClain (Jr.)	54	Matt Sanders (So.)
RT 72	Landon Walker (Jr.)	79	Phillip Price (Jr.)
TE 83	Dwayne Allen (So.)		Victor Beasley (Fr.)
QB 11	Kyle Parker (So.)	10	Tajh Boyd (Fr.)
RB 23	Andre Ellington (So.)	8	Jamie Harper (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE 93	Da'Quan Bowers (Jr.)	97	Malliciah Goodman (So.)
DT 98	Brandon Thompson (Jr.)	94	Rennie Moore (Jr.)
DE 99	Jarvis Jenkins (Sr.)	8	Jamie Cumbie (Sr.)
DE 40	Andre Branch (Jr.)	90	Kourtnei Brown (Jr.)
LB 42	Corico Hawkins (So.)	46	Jonathan Willard (So.)
LB 20	Brandon Maye (Jr.)	49	Quandon Christian (Fr.)
STAR 12	Marcus Gilchrist (Sr.)	29	Xavier Brewer (So.)
CB 36	Byron Maxwell (Sr.)	9	Spencer Adams (So.)
CB 29	Xavier Brewer (So.)	15	Coty Sensabaugh (Jr.)
SS 2	DeAndre McDaniel (Sr.)	5	Jonathan Meeks (So.)
FS 31	Rashard Hall (So.)	32	Carlton Lewis (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 19	Richard Jackson (Sr.)	KR 23	Andre Ellington (So.)
P 96	Dawson Zimmerman (Jr.)	PR 12	Marcus Gilchrist (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kyle Parker, 369-205-2,526-12, 20 TDs

Rushing: Andre Ellington, 68 car., 491 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Xavier Dye, 14 rec., 236 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Marcus Gilchrist, 107, 71 solo

Sacks: Da'Quan Bowers, 3

Interceptions: DeAndre McDaniel, 8 for 182 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	North Texas
Sept. 11	Presbyterian
Sept. 18	at Auburn
Oct. 2	Miami
Oct. 9	at North Carolina
Oct. 16	Maryland
Oct. 23	Georgia Tech
Oct. 30	at Boston College
Nov. 6	NC State
Nov. 13	at Florida State
Nov. 20	at Wake Forest
Nov. 27	South Carolina

### 2009 RESULTS (9-5, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Middle Tennessee	W	37-14
Sept. 10	at Georgia Tech	L	27-30
Sept. 19	Boston College	W	25-7
Sept. 26	TCU	L	10-14
Oct. 3	at Maryland	L	21-24
Oct. 17	Wake Forest	W	38-3
Oct. 24	at Miami	W (ot)	40-37
Oct. 31	Coastal Carolina	W	49-3
Nov. 7	Florida State	W	40-24
Nov. 14	at NC State	W	43-23
Nov. 21	Virginia	W	34-21
Nov. 28	at South Carolina	L	17-34
Dec. 5	vs. Ga. Tech (Tampa)	L	34-39
Dec. 27	#Kentucky	W	21-13
	#Music City Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	31.1 ppg	3	28	
Rushing	170.4 ypg	3	40	
Passing	192.0 ypg	7	88	
Total	362.4 ypg	8	74	
	Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	20.4 ppg	4	25	
Rushing	151.5 ypg	7	67	
Passing	162.8 ypg	1	7	
Total	314.3 ypg	3	20	
	TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
	+6	+0.43	3	28

HEAD COACH: DABO SWINNEY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 13-8 (1+ YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 13-8 (1+ YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILLY NAPIER CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KEVIN STEELE, CHARLIE HARBISON



TALLAHASSEE, FLA. DOAK CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300)

**OFFENSE** It was an unfortunate decision after an ill-advised pass, but it might have been the best thing that could have happened to the 2010 Seminoles. When Christian Ponder lowered his shoulder to deliver a hit on Clemson defensive back DeAndre McDaniel following a fourth quarter interception last November, the then-junior quarterback still was weighing his NFL options.

At the time of his injury, Ponder had established himself as one of the nation's top quarterbacks — he was averaging more than 300 passing yards per game and completing 68.8 percent of his passes. But the painful injury and subsequent surgery convinced him to return for his senior season, and there are indications it could be a year to remember.

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As a group, Florida State's defensive ends recorded four sacks last season. For perspective, there were 19 players in the ACC who finished with at least four sacks by themselves.

First-year coach Jimbo Fisher, who has sent a number of quarterbacks to the NFL, says Ponder has a chance to be the best he has ever coached. And the senior will be surrounded by a wealth of talent and experience. The Seminoles bring back their entire offensive line, every running back and nearly every wide receiver from a unit that was the most balanced in the ACC last season.

**DEFENSE** Fisher hopes a revamped defensive coaching staff, led by new coordinator Mark Stoops, can salvage a Seminole defense that was among the worst in the country last season. The Seminoles couldn't stop the run or the pass in 2009; they allowed each of their final nine opponents to score at least 21 points. And they were downright blistered by Miami (38 points), Georgia Tech (49), NC State (42), Clemson (40) and Florida (37).

Former coordinator Mickey Andrews has since retired, and Fisher didn't waste any time dismissing assistants Chuck Amato and Jody Allen. They were replaced with former East Carolina coordinator Greg Hudson and former Rice assistant D.J. Eliot.

Fisher believes he has the talent to win on defense, but the question will be how quickly FSU's players can gain a firm grasp of Stoops' diverse schemes. And the Seminoles also have the issue of few proven defensive linemen.

**SPECIALISTS** With quality starters across the board, it's tough to imagine many teams having as much confidence in their special teams as Florida State. The Seminoles love strong-legged placekicker Dustin Hopkins (long of 52 as a freshman) and punter Shawn Powell (41.6-yard average). "They can be special weapons," Fisher says. But the jewel of this unit is sophomore return specialist Greg Reid, who recorded a 68-yard punt return for a score and a 68-yard kickoff return.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It is never easy to replace a legend such as Bobby Bowden, but Fisher believes he at least had a running start because of his two-year apprenticeship as FSU's head coach-in-waiting. "I feel like I know the players and they know what I'm going to demand," Fisher says. "I already know what the problems are. That's the advantage to that whole coach-in-waiting deal."

Facing a schedule that includes early road trips to Norman, Okla., and Miami, along with a challenging home slate (BYU, Clemson, North Carolina and Florida among others), Fisher might need that head start.

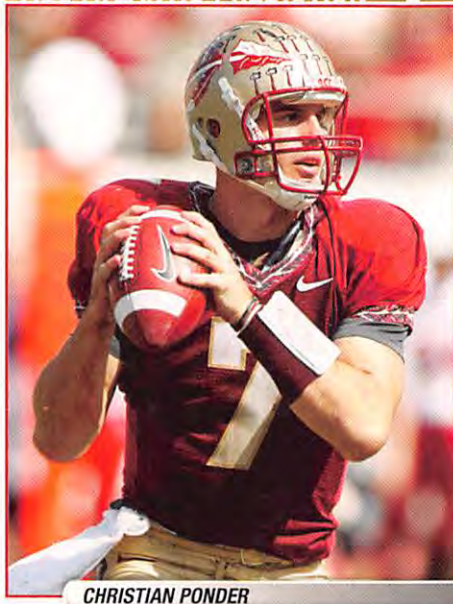
The Seminoles are coming off of their third 7-6 campaign in the past four years, and the talent level isn't anywhere close to what it was in Bowden's heyday. But if Stoops can turn the defense around in short order, Fisher's first squad might again be back in the championship hunt — at least in the ACC.

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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CHRISTIAN PONDER

### THE QUOTE

"The defense was an absolute mess. Mark Stoops might be able to patch it up this coming season, but they have to recruit better athletes for that side of the ball."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	83 Bert Reed (Jr.)	82 Willie Haulstead (So.)
WR	80 Jarmon Fortson (Jr.)	84 Rodney Smith (So.)
LT	67 Andrew Datko (Jr.)	73 Rhonne Sanderson (So.)
LG	62 Rodney Hudson (Sr.)	61 Blake Snider (So.)
C	60 Ryan McMahon (Sr.)	63 A.J. Ganguzzo (Jr.)
RG	79 David Spurlock (Jr.)	52 Bryan Stork (Fr.)
RT	77 Zebrie Sanders (Jr.)	59 Henry Orelus (Fr.)
TE	88 Beau Reliford (Jr.)	85 Ja'Baris Little (Jr.)
QB	7 Christian Ponder (Sr.)	3 EJ Manuel (So.)
FB	24 Lonnie Pryor (So.)	21 Debrale Smiley (So.)
RB	23 Chris Thompson (So.)	38 Jermaine Thomas (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	98 Markus White (Sr.)	96 Toshmon Stevens (So.)
DT	90 Moses McCray (Jr.)	93 Everett Dawkins (So.)
DT	99 Jacobbi McDaniel (So.)	92 Anthony McCloud (So.)
RE	49 Brandon Jenkins (So.)	58 Dan Hicks (Fr.)
SLB	12 Nigel Carr (Jr.)	16 Mister Alexander (Sr.)
MLB	29 Kendall Smith (Sr.)	48 Jeff Luc (Fr.)
WLB	13 Nigel Bradham (Jr.)	11 Vince Williams (So.)
CB	5 Greg Reid (So.)	28 Donte Allen (Jr.)
CB	15 Ochuko Jenije (Sr.)	27 Xavier Rhodes (Fr.)
SS	10 Nick Moody (So.)	6 Gerald Demps (Fr.)
FS	4 Terrance Parks (So.)	30 Jajuan Harley (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	18 Dustin Hopkins (So.)	KR	5 Greg Reid (So.)
P	45 Shawn Powell (Jr.)	PR	5 Greg Reid (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Christian Ponder, 330-227-2,717-7, 14 TDs  
 Rushing: Jermaine Thomas, 163 car., 832 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Bert Reed, 60 rec., 710 yds., 0 TD  
 Tackles: Nigel Bradham, 93, 61 solo  
 Sacks: Mister Alexander, 5  
 Interceptions: Ochuko Jenije, 4 for 54 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Samford
Sept. 11	at Oklahoma
Sept. 18	BYU
Sept. 25	Wake Forest
Oct. 2	at Virginia
Oct. 9	at Miami
Oct. 16	Boston College
Oct. 28	at NC State
Nov. 6	North Carolina
Nov. 13	Clemson
Nov. 20	at Maryland
Nov. 27	Florida

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 4-4)

Sept. 7	Miami	L	34-38
Sept. 12	Jacksonville State	W	19-9
Sept. 19	at BYU	W	54-28
Sept. 26	South Florida	L	7-17
Oct. 3	at Boston College	L	21-28
Oct. 10	Georgia Tech	L	44-49
Oct. 22	at North Carolina	W	30-27
Oct. 31	NC State	W	45-42
Nov. 7	at Clemson	L	24-40
Nov. 14	at Wake Forest	W	41-28
Nov. 21	Maryland	W	29-26
Nov. 28	at Florida	L	10-37
Jan. 1	#West Virginia	W	33-21
	#Gator Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	30.1 ppg	6	32	
Rushing	149.5 ypg	4	59	
Passing	271.9 ypg	3	25	
Total	421.4 ypg	2	28	
	Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	30.0 ppg	10	94	
Rushing	204.6 ypg	12	108	
Passing	230.0 ypg	11	77	
Total	434.6 ypg	12	108	
	TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
	+1	+0.08	6	58

HEAD COACH: JIMBO FISHER RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAMES COLEY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK STOOPS





# MARYLAND

## TERRAPINS

COLLEGE PARK, MD. BYRD STADIUM (54,000)

**OFFENSE** Everything will hinge on the play of the offensive line, whose struggles last season led to a nonexistent running game and consistently poor protection for quarterbacks. Coach Ralph Friedgen knows he needs to get his most consistent five linemen on the field. Expect some tweaks in offensive coordinator James Franklin's West Coast offense — and perhaps some option attack — to compensate for blocking issues and take better advantage of the mobility of quarterbacks.

Starter Jamarr Robinson showed promise late last season when he saw significant action in the last four games. He rushed for 229 yards, third-best on the team, and did not throw an interception in 85 pass attempts.

"The energy that he brought, the playmaking ability that he brought, those things are going to carry a lot of weight," Franklin says.

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Maryland ranked 100th nationally in scoring defense last season, allowing an average of 31.3 points per game.

The top six rushers are back, including Da'Rel Scott, a 2008 first-team All-ACC selection who missed five games last season with a broken wrist. And nine of the top 10 receivers (in terms of receptions) return, including Torrey Smith, one of the nation's more dynamic playmakers. He ranked sixth nationally in all-purpose yards.

**DEFENSE** The linebackers constitute the strongest and deepest unit on the defense. All three starters and several key backups return. Alex Wujciak ranked eighth nationally with 10.9 tackles per game and has posted 130 or more tackles each of the last two seasons. Adrian Moten led the team in tackles for a loss (nine) and sacks (six).

Maryland will be young but not necessarily

inexperienced up front. Nine players who rotated at the four line positions last season are back.

Kenny Tate and Antwine Perez create a physical tandem at safety, but cornerback could be an issue. Maryland gave up too many big plays last season but should have a better feel in the second season of coordinator Don Brown's aggressive, blitz-happy scheme.

**SPECIALISTS** Other than a horrid punt return game that ranked 100th in the nation, special teams play should be a strength for Maryland. Smith returned two kickoffs for TDs last season and broke his own single-season ACC record for kickoff return yards with 1,309. Kicker Nick Ferrara was 7-of-10 from 40-plus yards as a freshman last season. Punter Travis Baltz, a first-team All-ACC selection in 2008 who struggled with injuries last fall, ranks fifth in school history in punting average (40.9).

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Friedgen is back for a 10th season at his alma mater in large part because athletic director Debbie Yow could not find the \$4 million to buy out the remaining two seasons on his contract. Well, this will likely be Friedgen's last season if he does not meet Yow's publicly stated expectation of at least a 7-5 regular season. That won't be easy following the first 10-loss season in school history.

The Terrapins have talent at the skill positions — and Smith is a player worth watching — but the offensive line needs to improve dramatically just so Maryland can have some semblance of a running game. Robinson will also be a key to the season, as his ability to move around and out of the pocket will put more pressure on defenses.

In all, Maryland returns nearly three-fourths of its two-deep from last season. But the team remains young, and if players don't mature in a hurry, a new head coach will likely be employed in College Park in 2011.

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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TORREY SMITH

### THE QUOTE

"When you watch them on film, they don't get off blocks that good. They're just not a good enough team."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	82 Torrey Smith (Jr.)	17 Quintin McCree (Jr.)
WR	7 Adrian Cannon (Sr.)	4 Ronnie Tyler (Jr.)
LT	75 Justin Gilbert (So.)	74 Nick Klemm (Fr.)
LG	77 Andrew Gonnella (Jr.)	70 Lamar Young (Jr.)
C	71 Paul Pinegar (Sr.)	51 John Dillon (So.)
RG	63 Bennett Fulper (So.)	78 Justin Lewis (So.)
RT	76 R.J. Dill (So.)	79 Pete DeSouza (Fr.)
TE	34 Devonte Campbell (So.)	80 Lansford Watson (Jr.)
QB	11 Jamarr Robinson (Jr.)	18 Danny O'Brien (Fr.)
FB	36 Taylor Watson (Jr.)	32 Haroon Brown (Jr.)
RB	23 Da'Rel Scott (Sr.)	8 Davin Meggett (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	15 Drew Gloster (Sr.)	44 Derek Drummond (Jr.)
NT	96 A.J. Francis (So.)	68 Obum Akunyilli (Jr.)
DT	72 Joe Vellano (So.)	69 Zachariah Kerr (So.)
DE	95 Justin Anderson (So.)	99 Carl Russell (So.)
SLB	1 Adrian Moten (Sr.)	52 Darin Drakeford (So.)
MLB	33 Alex Wujciak (Jr.)	45 Avery Murray (So.)
WLB	9 Demetrius Hartsfield (So.)	42 Ben Pooler (Jr.)
CB	21 Trenton Hughes (Jr.)	25 Dexter McDougale (Fr.)
CB	22 Cameron Chism (Jr.)	26 Michael Carter (Sr.)
SS	2 Antwine Perez (Sr.)	19 Travis Hawkins (Fr.)
FS	6 Kenny Tate (Jr.)	48 Eric Franklin (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	43 Nick Ferrara (So.)	KR	85 Tony Logan (Jr.)
P	35 Travis Baltz (Sr.)	PR	82 Torrey Smith (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jamarr Robinson, 85-46-459-0, 2 TD  
Rushing: Da'Rel Scott, 85 car., 425 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: Torrey Smith, 61 rec., 824 yds., 5 TDs  
Tackles: Alex Wujciak, 131, 58 solo  
Sacks: Adrian Moten, 6

Interceptions: Cameron Chism, 4 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	#Navy
Sept. 11	Morgan State
Sept. 18	at West Virginia
Sept. 25	Florida International
Oct. 2	Duke
Oct. 16	at Clemson
Oct. 23	at Boston College
Oct. 30	Wake Forest
Nov. 6	at Miami
Nov. 13	at Virginia
Nov. 20	Florida State
Nov. 27	NC State
	#Baltimore, MD

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 1-7)

Sept. 5	at California	L	13-52
Sept. 12	James Madison	W (ot)	38-35
Sept. 19	Middle Tennessee	L	31-32
Sept. 26	Rutgers	L	13-34
Oct. 3	Clemson	W	24-21
Oct. 10	at Wake Forest	L	32-42
Oct. 17	Virginia	L	9-20
Oct. 24	at Duke	L	13-17
Nov. 7	at NC State	L	31-38
Nov. 14	Virginia Tech	L	9-36
Nov. 21	at Florida State	L	26-29
Nov. 28	Boston College	L	17-19

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	21.3 ppg	11	98	
Rushing	105.8 ypg	10	105	
Passing	210.7 ypg	6	68	
Total	316.4 ypg	10	102	
	Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	31.3 ppg	12	100	
Rushing	150.8 ypg	6	66	
Passing	245.5 ypg	12	97	
Total	396.3 ypg	11	83	
	TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
	-6	-0.50	11	97

HEAD COACH: RALPH FRIEDGEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 66-46 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 66-46 (9 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAMES FRANKLIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DON BROWN





# NC STATE

RALEIGH, N.C. CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (57,583)

## WOLFPACK

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Presuming quarterback Russell Wilson doesn't surprise everybody and enter the baseball draft this summer, the Wolfpack should score a lot of points. Wilson led the ACC with 31 touchdown passes last season and has extraordinary mobility in the pocket. He will throw to a solid group of pass-catchers that includes senior wide receivers Jarvis Williams and Owen Spencer, and All-ACC tight end George Bryan.

With 2009 seniors Toney Baker and Jamelle Eugene gone, the running back position could be a problem. coach Tom O'Brien redshirted junior Curtis Underwood last season with the idea that he would grab a prominent role this season, and he may be the starter. James Washington showed some ability as a freshman but is coming back from a knee injury.

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NC State has lost six games or more in five of the last six seasons. They have lost seven games in three straight seasons.

NC State will be inexperienced on the offensive line with three new starters. One returning starter, R.J. Mattes, is coming back from a torn knee ligament. But O'Brien is known for developing strong offensive lines, and Wilson's elusiveness will be a big benefit here.

**DEFENSE** After missing the 2009 season with injuries suffered in a car crash, linebacker Nate Irving is back to provide leadership to a defense that struggled last season. Irving, who suffered a broken leg and collapsed lung, hopes to be at full strength by the fall and moves from outside to the middle. That should allow him to make plays all over the field and keep defenses from running away from him.

The line loses four starters from last season but has some capable veterans in ends Michael

Lemon and David Akinniyi, a transfer from Northeastern. But depth could be a problem up front.

Sophomores Earl Wolff and Brandon Bishop at safety and Rashard Smith and C.J. Wilson at cornerback showed promise last season but will have to get much better at alignments and assignments to improve a defense that gave up 31.2 points per game — 11th in the ACC.

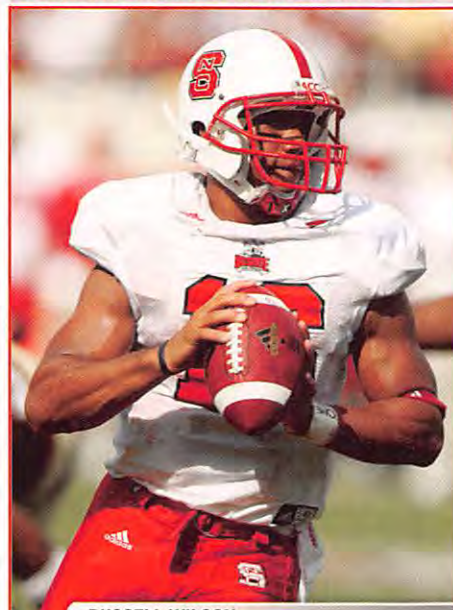
**SPECIALISTS** NC State is in good shape in the kicking game with placekicker Josh Czajkowski (26-of-31 in his career) and speedy T.J. Graham returning kicks and punts. Redshirt freshman Chris Ward was supposed to take over at punter because Jeff Ruiz was transferring. But Ward was suspended during spring practice, and Ruiz (37.9 yards per kick last season) has returned as a senior.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** NC State should have one of the ACC's most potent offenses, but its defense will have to improve if the Wolfpack are to escape a fifth straight losing season.

Offensive coordinator Dana Bible is expected to return to full duty after recovering from cancer treatment. He should have one of the ACC's top quarterbacks and some excellent receivers back from a team that averaged 30.3 points per game last season.

The defense could again be a problem, though. Highly regarded Jon Tenuta is the new linebackers coach, and his ability to scheme pressure on the quarterback could improve coordinator Mike Archer's conservative defense. But that could also be an uncomfortable mix of opposite styles.

NC State's schedule outside the Atlantic Division, which includes Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech and North Carolina, is strong. But the non-conference schedule includes games with Western Carolina, East Carolina and UCF. O'Brien, who has been to only one bowl game in three seasons, needs improvement to satisfy fans who are growing impatient.



RUSSELL WILSON

### THE QUOTE

"They didn't have much of a pass rush last season, and their defensive backs weren't good enough to cover receivers in open space."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	5	Jarvis Williams (Sr.)	15	Darrell Davis (Sr.)
WR	13	Owen Spencer (Sr.)	6	T.J. Graham (Jr.)
LT	70	Jake Vermiglio (Sr.)	62	Duran Christophe (Fr.)
LG	64	Andrew Wallace (So.)	54	Henry Lawson (Jr.)
C	53	Camden Wentz (So.)	67	Wayne Crawford (Jr.)
RG	72	Zach Allen (So.)	68	Denzelle Good (Fr.)
RT	79	R.J. Mattes (So.)	76	Mikel Overgaard (Jr.)
TE	84	George Bryan (Jr.)	82	Asa Watson (So.)
QB	16	Russell Wilson (Jr.)	8	Mike Glennon (So.)
FB	47	Taylor Gentry (Jr.)	37	Donovan Counts (Sr.)
RB	3	Curtis Underwood (Jr.)	24	James Washington (So.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	94	Michael Lemon (Sr.)	65	A.J. Ferguson (Fr.)
DT	55	Brian Slay (So.)	90	Natanu Mageo (Sr.)
DT	91	Markus Kuhn (Jr.)	58	Darryl Cato-Bishop (Fr.)
DE	97	David Akinniyi (Sr.)	11	Audi Augustin (Sr.)
SLB	42	Audie Cole (Jr.)	29	Asante Cureton (Sr.)
MLB	56	Nate Irving (Sr.)	7	Sterling Lucas (Jr.)
WLB	35	Terrell Manning (So.)	41	Dwayne Maddox (Jr.)
CB	20	C.J. Wilson (So.)	39	Gary Grant (So.)
CB	2	Rashard Smith (So.)	12	Jordan Monk (Jr.)
FS	30	Brandon Bishop (So.)	29	Dean Haynes (Fr.)
SS	27	Earl Wolff (So.)	10	Donald Coleman (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	36	Josh Czajkowski (Sr.)	KR	6	T.J. Graham (Jr.)
P	38	Jeff Ruiz (Sr.)	PR	6	T.J. Graham (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Russell Wilson, 378-224-3,027-11, 31 TDs

Rushing: Russell Wilson, 103 car, 260 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Jarvis Williams, 45 rec., 547 yds., 11 TDs

Tackles: Audie Cole, 85, 34 solo

Sacks: Audie Cole, 4

Interceptions: Three players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Western Carolina
Sept. 11	at UCF
Sept. 16	Cincinnati
Sept. 25	at Georgia Tech
Oct. 2	Virginia Tech
Oct. 9	Boston College
Oct. 16	at East Carolina
Oct. 28	Florida State
Nov. 6	at Clemson
Nov. 13	Wake Forest
Nov. 20	at North Carolina
Nov. 27	at Maryland

### 2009 RESULTS (9-5, 6-2)

Sept. 3	South Carolina	L	3-7
Sept. 12	Murray State	W	65-7
Sept. 19	Gardner-Webb	W	45-14
Sept. 26	Pittsburgh	W	38-31
Oct. 3	at Wake Forest	L	24-30
Oct. 10	Duke	L	28-49
Oct. 17	at Boston College	L	20-52
Oct. 31	at Florida State	L	42-45
Nov. 7	Maryland	W	38-31
Nov. 14	Clemson	L	23-43
Nov. 21	at Virginia Tech	L	10-38
Nov. 28	North Carolina	W	28-27

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	30.3 ppg	4	30
Rushing	120.9 ypg	9	92
Passing	272.9 ypg	2	24
Total	393.8 ypg	5	46

Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	31.2 ppg	11	99
Rushing	139.1 ypg	5	57
Passing	222.2 ypg	9	69
Total	361.3 ypg	8	55

TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
-11	-0.92	12	114

HEAD COACH: TOM O'BRIEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 16-21 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 91-66 (13 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DANA BIBLE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE ARCHER





# WAKE FOREST

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. BB&T FIELD (31,500)

## DEMON DEACONS

**OFFENSE** Wake Forest must figure out how to replace quarterback Riley Skinner, a four-year starter who rewrote the school record book. Coach Jim Grobe hasn't been overwhelmed by any of his options, and it could be a season in which a firm starter is never established.

Junior Skylar Jones, who once ran a 4.33 40 and played receiver last year, was the only healthy quarterback in the spring. "He's got a lot of ability," Grobe says. "He just needs a lot of work." Jones will compete with oft-injured sophomore Ted Stachitas, redshirt freshman Brendan Cross and true freshman Tanner Price. Cross appeared to have the early lead before a spring injury.

Running backs Josh Adams, a former ACC Rookie of the Year, and Brandon Pendergrass are solid, and the receiving corps is excellent. Devon Brown, Marshall Williams and Chris Givens combined for 166 catches and 20 touchdowns.

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Of Wake Forest's seven losses in 2009, a school-record five were by three points or less, including two overtime defeats. Grobe is 2-5 in OT at Wake.

The line returns two starters with All-ACC potential, center Russ Nenon and left guard Joe Looney. The rest of the spots, including tight end, remain question marks.

The inexperience at quarterback could mean a return to a more run-focused style. In the spring, Wake ran the option from the spread and lined up receivers in the backfield.

"We're going to experiment with a few things," Grobe says. "We'll put in some wrinkles and try some things with the quarterbacks like running the ball."

**DEFENSE** Last year's defense was a far cry from the past turnover machines, falling to 15 forced turnovers after averaging 36 each of the previous two years.

Grobe says this year's defense is the fastest he's coached, so that big-play propensity could return. The only obvious problem area is the interior line, where Grobe will have to rely on three inexperienced players.

Wake will pressure the passer with three explosive defensive ends, led by the return of Kyle Wilber from a broken leg. The Deacons also should be able to blitz more because of a talented secondary that will need to be more aggressive this season. Cornerback Kenny Okoro might be Wake's next star in the secondary.

The linebacking crew is solid but not spectacular, although speedy sophomore Joey Ehrmann will take over on the outside. The group is deep and young, a theme that runs through the defense. "We have lots of young guys with lots of athletic ability," Grobe says, "and it's time for them to stand up."

**SPECIALISTS** Sophomore Jimmy Newman took over the kicking duties last year, hitting 11-of-14 inside 50 yards. He's likely to take over the punting duties from Shane Popham this year. Returners Brown, Alex Frye and Lovell Jackson have the speed to break big plays, but it hasn't happened. Wake's return teams have been mediocre at best for two years, with the punt return team finishing at the bottom of the ACC last year.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Grobe will have to blend a lot of young talent if he doesn't want Wake to slip another notch. Despite a lot of skill at receiver and running back, the offense could be done in by the big questions at quarterback and offensive line. Look for some creative playcalling. Defensively, Wake will return to a more aggressive, blitzing style, hoping to create turnovers.

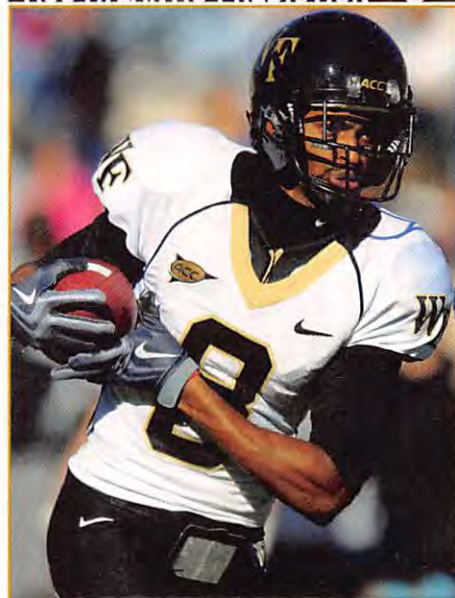
The Deacons face a difficult schedule, getting two of the best teams from the Coastal and a trip to Stanford. Recruiting has been stronger lately, so Grobe should have some new weapons to unleash.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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ACC ATLANTIC PREDICTION

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MARSHALL WILLIAMS

### THE QUOTE

They still scare me to death, but they've fallen a notch up front on defense. They're not playing with that swagger they had before.

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	8 Marshall Williams (Sr.)	81 Terence Davis (So.)
WR	3 Devon Brown (Jr.)	2 Chris Givens (So.)
LT	73 Steven Chase (Fr.)	69 Dennis Godfrey (Jr.)
LG	78 Joe Looney (Jr.)	71 Ryan Britt (Jr.)
C	72 Russell Nenon (Sr.)	74 Garrick Williams (So.)
RG	75 Michael Hoag (Jr.)	79 Gabe Irby (So.)
RT	62 Doug Weaver (Jr.)	77 Devin Bolling (Fr.)
TE	80 Andrew Parker (Jr.)	83 Cameron Ford (Jr.)
QB	12 Skylar Jones (Jr.)	14 Brendan Cross (Fr.)
FB	42 Tommy Bohanon (So.)	39 Roger Khouri (Fr.)
RB	27 Josh Adams (Sr.)	22 Brandon Pendergrass (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	55 Tristan Dorty (Jr.)	34 Kevin Smith (So.)
DT	54 Kris Redding (Fr.)	95 Ramon Booi (So.)
DT	91 John Gallagher (Fr.)	93 Frank Souza (Fr.)
DE	97 Kyle Wilber (Jr.)	57 Gelo Orange (Jr.)
OLB	56 Hunter Haynes (Sr.)	43 Kyle Jarrett (Jr.)
MLB	46 Matt Woodlief (Sr.)	32 Scott Betros (So.)
OLB	40 Joey Ehrmann (So.)	45 Riley Haynes (So.)
CB	6 Kenny Okoro (So.)	14 C.J. Washington (Jr.)
CB	21 Alex Frye (Sr.)	7 Michael Williams (Jr.)
SS	5 Cyhl Quarles (Jr.)	30 John Stamper (Jr.)
FS	4 Josh Bush (Jr.)	38 Duran Lowe (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	82 Jimmy Newman (So.)	KR	20 Lovell Jackson (So.)
P	82 Jimmy Newman (So.)	PR	3 Devon Brown (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Marshall Williams, 3-3-52-0, 0 TD

Rushing: Josh Adams, 113 car., 541 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Devon Brown, 61 rec., 671 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Cyhl Quarles, 62, 42 solo

Sacks: Joey Ehrmann, 3.5

Interceptions: Kenny Okoro, 3 for 30 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Presbyterian
Sept. 11	Duke
Sept. 18	at Stanford
Sept. 25	at Florida State
Oct. 2	Georgia Tech
Oct. 9	Navy
Oct. 16	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 30	at Maryland
Nov. 6	Boston College
Nov. 13	at NC State
Nov. 20	Clemson
Nov. 27	at Vanderbilt

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Baylor	L	21-24
Sept. 12	Stanford	W	24-17
Sept. 19	Elon	W	35-7
Sept. 26	at Boston College	L (ot)	24-27
Oct. 3	NC State	W	30-24
Oct. 10	Maryland	W	42-32
Oct. 17	at Clemson	L	3-38
Oct. 24	at Navy	L	10-13
Oct. 31	Miami	L	27-28
Nov. 7	at Georgia Tech	L (ot)	27-30
Nov. 14	Florida State	L	28-41
Nov. 28	at Duke	W	45-34

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	26.3 ppg	7	66
Rushing	131.8 ypg	8	80
Passing	271.6 ypg	4	26
Total	403.4 ypg	3	41
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	26.3 ppg	7	65
Rushing	164.3 ypg	10	82
Passing	218.8 ypg	8	61
Total	383.1 ypg	10	75
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
-4	-0.33	10	83

HEAD COACH: JIM GROBE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 59-51 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 92-84-1 (15 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEED LOBOTZKE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRAD LAMBERT



**DUKE**

DURHAM, N.C. WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)

**BLUE DEVILS**

NATIONAL FORECAST

ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The Blue Devils have one of the worst running games in the country, but fortunately their passing game is one of the best. Sophomore quarterback Sean Renfree will replace Thad Lewis, one of the top quarterbacks in school history, and try to maintain the passing attack's prolific output. A torn ACL in his right knee cost Renfree some valuable reps in the final two weeks of the season and kept him out of contact drills in spring practice. Still, Renfree's accuracy — he completed 34-of-50 passes (68 percent) in a limited role as a freshman — encourages coach David Cutcliffe, a noted quarterback mentor.

"Thad will be very difficult to replace," Cutcliffe says. "I'm hoping Sean will pick up where he left off."

Renfree will have all the same targets that helped make Duke's passing game so successful. Receivers Donovan Varner (an ACC-leading 65 catches), Conner Vernon (55) and Austin Kelly (54) are back.

The biggest question mark is up front, where the Devils lost three seniors, including All-ACC tackle Vince Oghobaase, and have to replace promising freshman John Drew, who was dismissed from the team. There is some experience, notably junior noseguard Charlie Hatcher, but the Devils are thin up front, and Cutcliffe knows it. "We've got a hole," he says. "We're going to have to be creative with our defensive fronts."

Three senior linebackers, led by Damian Thornton in the middle, should help offset some of the problems on the line.

**SPECIALISTS** The Devils' kicking woes were well-documented before Cutcliffe's arrival. Former walk-on Will Snyderwine completed the transformation from concern to strength by hitting 17-of-20 field goal attempts in 2009. This will be the first season on scholarship for Snyderwine, a junior who was a second-team All-ACC selection in 2009. Top returner Johnny Williams and punter Kevin Jones are also back for the special teams unit, which should be one of the team's strengths.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The real work begins for Cutcliffe in his third season. He has a new quarterback and six new starters on defense after winning four and five games in the past two seasons, respectively. That doesn't sound like much to a fan of a big-time program, but when you're talking about Duke, which had three winless seasons in the 2000s, it's considerable progress.

For Duke to maintain its momentum, Renfree will have to replace one of the best quarterbacks in school history, and the running game has to make major progress. Cutcliffe's track record suggests Duke can continue on the path of respectability, but with the personnel losses on the defensive front, and a tougher schedule, the jump to bowl eligibility will have to wait for another season.

**DONOVAN VARNER****THE QUOTE**

"It was really easy because of the players. I feel like our relationship is special."

— Coach David Cutcliffe, on turning down Tennessee's offer to coach the Volunteers

**OFFENSE (8)**

WR	83 Austin Kelly (Sr.)	17 Tyree Watkins (Fr.)
WR	26 Donovan Varner (Jr.)	86 Josh Trezvant (Jr.)
WR	2 Conner Vernon (So.)	80 Tony Foster (So.)
LT	79 Kyle Hill (Jr.)	76 Conor Irwin (So.)
LG	67 Mitchell Lederman (Sr.)	55 Brandon Harper (Sr.)
C	62 Bryan Morgan (Sr.)	64 Joey Finison (Fr.)
RG	68 Brian Moore (So.)	70 John Coleman (Fr.)
RT	71 Jon Needham (Jr.)	72 Perry Simmons (Fr.)
TE	87 Brett Huffman (Sr.)	22 Brandon King (Sr.)
QB	19 Sean Renfree (So.)	18 Brandon Connette (Fr.)
RB	33 Desmond Scott (So.)	9 Josh Snead (Fr.)

**DEFENSE (5)**

DE	90 Patrick Egbah (Sr.)	92 Justin Foxx (Fr.)
DT	82 Sydney Sarmiento (Fr.)	58 Curtis Hazelton (So.)
NG	93 Charlie Hatcher (Jr.)	58 Curtis Hazelton (So.)
DE	99 Wesley Oglesby (Sr.)	41 Eriks Reks (Jr.)
SLB	39 Adam Banks (Sr.)	50 Tyree Glover (So.)
MLB	56 Damian Thornton (Sr.)	45 Austin Gamble (So.)
WLB	8 Abraham Kromah (Sr.)	52 August Campbell (Fr.)
CB	3 Johnny Williams (Jr.)	1 Zach Greene (So.)
CB	16 Chris Rwabukamba (Sr.)	24 Garrett Patterson (Fr.)
S	38 Jordan Byas (So.)	20 Lee Butler (Jr.)
S	40 Matt Daniels (Jr.)	4 Walt Canty (So.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	96 Will Snyderwine (Jr.)	KR	3 Johnny Williams (Jr.)
P	49 Kevin Jones (Sr.)	PR	3 Johnny Williams (Jr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Sean Renfree, 50-34-330-2, 4 TDs

Rushing: Desmond Scott, 70 car., 262 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Donovan Varner, 65 rec., 1,047 yds., 8 TDs

Tackles: Matt Daniels, 83, 56 solo

Sacks: Jeremy Ringfield, 2.5

Interceptions: Lee Butler, 1 for 0 yds.

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**51**

Duke averaged only 51 rushing yards per game against FBS competition in 2009. Of the Devils' 762 net yards rushing, 233 came in a 49-14 win over North Carolina Central.

Four starters return on the offensive line, which should help the Devils improve their anemic rushing stats. The Devils averaged 63.5 yards per game and 2.3 per carry. Sophomore Desmond Scott, a local product from Durham, showed promise late in the season with 262 yards on 70 carries.

**DEFENSE** Nothing will change scheme-wise under co-coordinator Marion Hobby, who replaces Mike MacIntyre, the new head coach at San Jose State. Safety Matt Daniels, the top returning tackler (83), will have to make plays and force more turnovers, after the Blue Devils finished 2009 with only eight interceptions.

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	Elon
Sept. 11	at Wake Forest
Sept. 18	Alabama
Sept. 25	Army
Oct. 2	at Maryland
Oct. 16	Miami
Oct. 23	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 30	at Navy
Nov. 6	Virginia
Nov. 13	Boston College
Nov. 20	at Georgia Tech
Nov. 27	North Carolina

**2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)**

Sept. 5	Richmond	L	16-24
Sept. 12	at Army	W	35-19
Sept. 19	at Kansas	L	16-44
Sept. 26	N.C. Central	W	49-14
Oct. 3	Virginia Tech	L	26-34
Oct. 10	at NC State	W	49-28
Oct. 24	Maryland	W	17-13
Oct. 31	at Virginia	W	28-17
Nov. 7	at North Carolina	L	6-19
Nov. 14	Georgia Tech	L	10-49
Nov. 21	at Miami	L	16-34
Nov. 28	Wake Forest	L	34-45

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Natl
Scoring	25.2 ppg	8	74
Rushing	63.5 ypg	12	120
Passing	305.0 ypg	1	9
Total	368.5 ypg	7	69
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Natl
Scoring	28.3 ppg	9	83
Rushing	152.8 ypg	9	74
Passing	215.8 ypg	7	52
Total	368.6 ypg	9	61
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Natl
+2	+0.17	4	50

HEAD COACH: DAVID CUTCLIFFE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 9-15 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 53-44 (8 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: MATT LUKE, KURT ROPER CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: MARION HOBBY, JIM KNOWLES



ATLANTA, GA. BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000)

## YELLOW JACKETS

**OFFENSE** Georgia Tech's offense will be missing two of its biggest playmakers from last season but shouldn't miss a beat this year, because most of this year's projected starters have at least two years of practice in coach Paul Johnson's run-based option offense.

Even without B-back Jonathan Dwyer, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas, and three starters on the offensive line, Johnson doesn't seem concerned that the offense may slow down this season.

"For 30 years I've heard this is the year (opposing defenses) catch up," Johnson says. "That's why you play the games."

Few figured out the Yellow Jackets in Johnson's second year. Tech averaged 295.4 rushing yards per game last season, best in the ACC and second-best in the FBS, on its way to winning the ACC and playing in the Orange Bowl. But there is still room to improve.

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Georgia Tech has lost its last five bowl games, including last season's 24-14 loss to Iowa in the Orange Bowl, marking the longest postseason losing streak in school history.

Josh Nesbitt, one of the more dangerous dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation, rushed for more than 1,000 yards and passed for more than 1,700 but needs to improve his accuracy (46.3); Thomas won't be around to go up and get the ball no matter where it's passed.

Tech actively tried to get A-backs Embry Peebles and Roddy Jones more involved in the passing attack as the season progressed last year, and Johnson has said there will be more wrinkles this year. That may include some shotgun formations, something Tech worked on in the spring.

A powerful 6'0" and 239 pounds, Anthony Allen will be the workhorse at B-back, taking over for Dwyer. Johnson says he will be stunned if Allen doesn't surpass 1,000 yards.

**DEFENSE** Tech scored a coup when it hired former Virginia head coach Al Groh to take over a defense that had many issues last season. The Jackets allowed 208.6 passing yards and 151.6 rushing yards per game, relatively average stats except for the fact that opponents were on the field a mere 26 minutes per game.

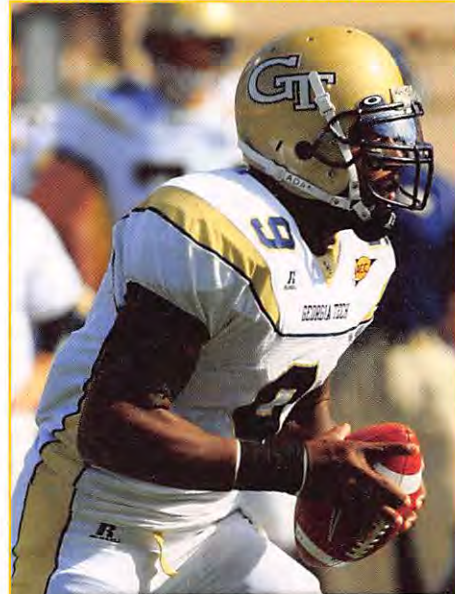
Dissatisfied with the results of his stop-unit, Johnson let go of former defensive coordinator Dave Wommack and brought in Groh to teach a 3-4 system that Johnson says he knows how to fix when things aren't working. Groh says the key will be pressuring the quarterback, something that only NFL first-round pick Derrick Morgan consistently did last year, and creating turnovers.

Tech's most talented defender is likely cornerback-turned-safety Jerrard Tarrant, who intercepted two passes and returned two punts for touchdowns last season.

**SPECIALISTS** Tech will look to improve on the two punt returns for touchdowns it had last season, and the two it allowed on kickoffs. It also must improve its field goal kicking. Against teams not named Clemson, Scott Blair was 7-of-13. Against the Tigers, he was 7-of-7. Because the Yellow Jackets are deeper as a team this season than last, the kickoff coverage teams should be improved with fresher legs running down the field and Blair improving the placement of his kicks. Chandler Anderson averaged more than 40 yards per punt last season, despite not getting very many chances.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Although other teams are more fashionable picks to win the ACC, the Yellow Jackets still return 12 starters from last year's championship team. As long as Nesbitt and Allen can replicate the success Tech's offense had last season, there's no reason to think the Yellow Jackets won't be in the thick of the conference race when they enter a tough three-game stretch that begins against revenge-minded Clemson on Oct. 23.

NATIONAL FORECAST **28**  
ACC COASTAL PREDICTION **4**



JOSH NESBITT

### THE QUOTE

"Their option system is always hard to prepare for, but when you have the guys they had the last two years it's like putting it on steroids."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	84 Tyler Melton (Jr.)	23 Quentin Sims (So.)
WR	5 Stephen Hill (So.)	83 Jeremy Moore (Fr.)
LT	61 Phil Smith (So.)	75 Nick Claytor (Jr.)
LG	76 Nick McRae (So.)	55 Ray Beno (Fr.)
C	79 Sean Bedford (Sr.)	50 Jay Finch (Fr.)
RG	62 Omoregie Uzzi (So.)	52 Will Jackson (Fr.)
RT	73 Austin Barrick (Sr.)	65 Antonio Foster (Fr.)
QB	9 Josh Nesbitt (Sr.)	13 Tevin Washington (So.)
AB	20 Roddy Jones (Jr.)	3 Marcus Wright (Jr.)
AB	24 Embry Peebles (Jr.)	17 Orvin Smith (So.)
BB	18 Anthony Allen (Sr.)	36 Lucas Cox (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	92 Jason Peters (Jr.)	99 J.C. Lanier (Fr.)
NT	96 Logan Walls (Jr.)	90 T.J. Barnes (So.)
RE	94 Izaan Cross (So.)	93 Emmanuel Dieke (Fr.)
OLB	12 Anthony Barnes (Sr.)	56 Osahon Tongo (Sr.)
MLB	51 Brad Jefferson (Sr.)	47 Brandon Watts (Fr.)
MLB	34 Steven Sylvester (Jr.)	40 Julian Burnett (So.)
OLB	41 Anthony Egbuniwe (Sr.)	44 Albert Rocker (Jr.)
CB	2 Mario Butler (Sr.)	6 Rod Sweeting (So.)
CB	26 Dominique Reese (Sr.)	28 Rashaad Reid (Jr.)
SS	33 Mario Edwards (Sr.)	38 Jemea Thomas (So.)
FS	37 Jerrard Tarrant (Jr.)	22 Cooper Taylor (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	14 Scott Blair (Sr.)	KR	17 Orvin Smith (So.)
P	85 Chandler Anderson (Jr.)	PR	37 Jerrard Tarrant (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Josh Nesbitt, 162-75-1,701-5, 10 TDs

Rushing: Josh Nesbitt, 279 car., 1,037 yds., 18 TDs

Receiving: Embry Peebles, 8 rec., 244 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Brad Jefferson, 95, 45 solo

Sacks: Steven Sylvester, 3

Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	South Carolina State
Sept. 11	at Kansas
Sept. 18	at North Carolina
Sept. 25	NC State
Oct. 2	at Wake Forest
Oct. 9	Virginia
Oct. 16	Middle Tennessee
Oct. 23	at Clemson
Nov. 4	at Virginia Tech
Nov. 13	Miami
Nov. 20	Duke
Nov. 27	at Georgia

### 2009 RESULTS (11-3, 7-1)

Sept. 5	Jacksonville State	W	37-17
Sept. 10	Clemson	W	30-27
Sept. 17	at Miami	L	17-33
Sept. 26	North Carolina	W	24-7
Oct. 3	at Mississippi State	W	42-31
Oct. 10	at Florida State	W	49-44
Oct. 17	Virginia Tech	W	28-23
Oct. 24	at Virginia	W	34-9
Oct. 31	at Vanderbilt	W	56-31
Nov. 7	Wake Forest	W (ot)	30-27
Nov. 14	at Duke	W	49-10
Nov. 28	Georgia	L	24-30
Dec. 5	vs. Clemson (Tampa)	W	39-34
Jan. 5	#Iowa	L	14-24
	#Orange Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	33.8 ppg	1	15
Rushing	295.4 ypg	1	2
Passing	126.7 ypg	12	116
Total	422.1 ypg	1	26
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.8 ppg	6	56
Rushing	151.6 ypg	8	68
Passing	208.6 ypg	6	45
Total	360.3 ypg	7	54
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
+8	+0.57	2	22

HEAD COACH: PAUL JOHNSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 20-7 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 127-46 (13 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAUL JOHNSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: AL GROH



CORAL GABLES, FLA. SUN LIFE STADIUM (74,916)

## HURRICANES

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**OFFENSE** There's no shortage of playmakers on a unit that was the school's most productive since 2002. Start with quarterback Jacory Harris, who was sensational at times in his first go-around as a starter. But Harris was also intercepted an ACC-high 17 times, reflecting his schizophrenic season.

An added year of experience as well as offseason surgery to fix a damaged thumb on his throwing hand should help Harris cut down on his mistakes. So should the deepest group of receivers in the conference, beginning with Leonard Hankerson, who overcame a history of dropped passes to become the team's most dependable pass-catcher. Hankerson leads a quartet of tall, athletic and physical receivers that also includes returning starter LaRon Byrd. Small but speedy Travis Benjamin may be the most dangerous player on the roster. The one worry in the passing game is at tight end, where Richard Gordon, the only player with collegiate experience at the position, has four career catches.

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Miami yielded 35 quarterback sacks in 13 games, for an average of 2.69 per game — a figure that ranked 100th in the nation.

Damien Berry and Mike James, a pair of running backs with powerful styles, figure to share most of the carries, although Lamar Miller and Storm Johnson flashed enough ability and speed during spring practice to vie for playing time. Graig Cooper, the leading rusher for three straight seasons, is recovering from a major knee injury sustained in the Champs Sports Bowl loss to Wisconsin, but he may attempt to play.

Two starters — Orlando Franklin and Joel Figueroa — return on the offensive line. Franklin, however, is making the switch from guard to tackle.

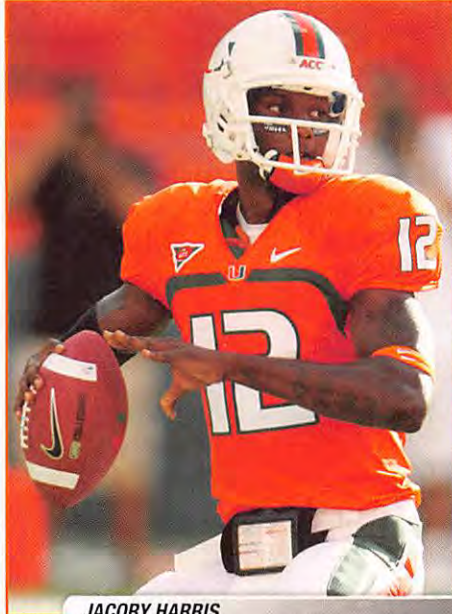
**DEFENSE** Six defensive ends have started at least one game, making for some stiff competition. The best of the bunch is Allen Bailey, the team leader in sacks for two seasons. Josh Holmes, a smallish but explosive player, is a returning starter and will form part of a rotation at defensive tackle that will also include Micanor Regis and Curtis Porter, a pair of 300-pound run stuffers who shined in limited duty last season.

Linebacker is probably the biggest concern on defense. Colin McCarthy and Sean Spence are solid on the outside, but there is no sure thing in the middle. Kylan Robinson goes into fall practice as the starter, but McCarthy could move inside if Robinson falters. Jordan Futch and Ramon Buchanan, coming off knee and shoulder surgeries respectively, are the top backups.

The secondary is probably the best in years. All-ACC first-team selection Brandon Harris and talented-but-erratic DeMarcus Van Dyke man the corner positions. Safety Vaughn Telemaque has drawn comparisons to Ed Reed from the team's coaching staff.

**SPECIALISTS** Matt Boshier does it all — punting, placekicking and kickoffs — and does it all well. There are a handful of explosive return specialists, starting with Thearon Collier, James and Benjamin. Punt protection was awful last season, resulting in three blocks.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The victory total has improved from five to seven to nine under coach Randy Shannon. So is Miami ready to take the next step into ACC and national championship contention? Yes, as long as Harris remains healthy. Harris has his pick of playmakers to choose from, while the defense returns 11 players who started six or more games last season. The early road schedule is treacherous, with consecutive games at Ohio State, Pittsburgh and Clemson, but there's enough talent here to go a long way.



JACORY HARRIS

### THE QUOTE

"The defense should be better, and (end) Allen Bailey is their next big star. The kid is built like Hercules and it's time for him to play like it."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	47 LaRon Byrd (Jr.)	4 Aldarius Johnson (Jr.)
WR	85 Leonard Hankerson (Sr.)	3 Travis Benjamin (Jr.)
LT	74 Orlando Franklin (Sr.)	55 Ben Jones (So.)
LG	72 Brandon Washington (So.)	66 Harland Gunn (Jr.)
C	63 Tyler Horn (Jr.)	62 Shane McDermott (Fr.)
RG	61 Joel Figueroa (Sr.)	66 Harland Gunn (Jr.)
RT	78 Jermaine Johnson (Fr.)	55 Ben Jones (So.)
TE	84 Richard Gordon (Sr.)	88 Billy Sanders (Fr.)
QB	12 Jacory Harris (Jr.)	11 A.J. Highsmith (So.)
FB	30 Patrick Hill (Sr.)	43 John Calhoun (Jr.)
RB	20 Damien Berry (Sr.)	5 Mike James (So.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	57 Allen Bailey (Sr.)	97 Adewale Ojomo (Jr.)
DT	92 Josh Holmes (Sr.)	96 Curtis Porter (So.)
DT	54 Micanor Regis (Jr.)	99 Marcus Forston (So.)
DE	48 Andrew Smith (Jr.)	56 Marcus Robinson (Jr.)
OLB	31 Sean Spence (Jr.)	45 Ramon Buchanan (Jr.)
MLB	36 Kylan Robinson (Sr.)	51 Shayon Green (Fr.)
OLB	44 Colin McCarthy (Sr.)	58 Jordan Futch (Jr.)
CB	1 Brandon Harris (Jr.)	21 Brandon McGee (So.)
CB	8 DeMarcus Van Dyke (Sr.)	13 Ryan Hill (Sr.)
S	7 Vaughn Telemaque (So.)	29 JoJo Nicolas (Jr.)
S	26 Ray-Ray Armstrong (So.)	15 Jamal Reid (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	25 Matt Boshier (Sr.)	KR	5 Mike James (So.)
P	25 Matt Boshier (Sr.)	PR	28 Thearon Collier (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jacory Harris, 406-242-3,352-17, 24 TDs  
Rushing: Graig Cooper, 134 car., 695 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: Leonard Hankerson, 45 rec., 801 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Colin McCarthy, 95, 53 solo  
Sacks: Allen Bailey, 7

Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Florida A&M
Sept. 11	at Ohio State
Sept. 23	at Pittsburgh
Oct. 2	at Clemson
Oct. 9	Florida State
Oct. 16	at Duke
Oct. 23	North Carolina
Oct. 30	at Virginia
Nov. 6	Maryland
Nov. 13	at Georgia Tech
Nov. 20	Virginia Tech
Nov. 27	South Florida

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 5-3)

Sept. 7	at Florida State	W	38-34
Sept. 17	Georgia Tech	W	33-17
Sept. 26	at Virginia Tech	L	7-31
Oct. 3	Oklahoma	W	21-20
Oct. 10	Florida A&M	W	48-16
Oct. 17	at UCF	W	27-7
Oct. 24	Clemson	L (ot)	37-40
Oct. 31	at Wake Forest	W	28-27
Nov. 7	Virginia	W	52-17
Nov. 14	at North Carolina	L	24-33
Nov. 21	Duke	W	34-16
Nov. 28	at South Florida	W	31-10
Dec. 29	#Wisconsin	L	14-20
	#Champs Sports Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	30.3 ppg	5	31
Rushing	138.0 ypg	5	70
Passing	261.9 ypg	5	31
Total	399.9 ypg	4	45
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.2 ppg	5	37
Rushing	122.3 ypg	3	32
Passing	207.3 ypg	5	43
Total	329.6 ypg	5	29
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
0	0.00	7	60

HEAD COACH: RANDY SHANNON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 21-17 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 21-17 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK WHIPPLE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOHN LOVETT





# NORTH CAROLINA

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)

## TAR HEELS

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**OFFENSE** Everyone associated with North Carolina's program — players, coaches and fans — believes it: The Tar Heels have a legitimate chance to contend for the ACC's Coastal Division title this season, but only if their offense makes the transition from liability to asset.

Fifth-year senior quarterback T.J. Yates, who has dealt with injuries, inexperience around him and his own ineffectiveness at times, returns to lead that transformation. Yates struggled last year behind a patchwork offensive line, and he got little help from young receivers who had much to learn. Both areas are more solid now, which should give Yates a better chance to succeed this season as long as he can keep his job from redshirt freshman Bryn Renner in training camp.

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North Carolina has lost 14 straight games to Virginia in Charlottesville. The Tar Heels' last win on the road at UVA was in 1981.

UNC returns its top five rushers and 15 of the 16 players who caught a pass last season, so familiarity with the offense should be a given. The Tar Heels need to get more production from their "thunder and lightning" backfield tandem of Ryan Houston and Shaun Draughn to keep defenses honest. UNC hasn't ranked better than 79th nationally in rushing since 2004. A balanced receiving group featuring a reliable tight end (Zack Pianalto), a go-to receiver (Greg Little) and a dangerous deep threat (Jheranie Boyd) should help.

**DEFENSE** The Tar Heels made a huge leap forward last season statistically, ranking sixth nationally in total yards allowed, and there's no reason to expect a decline in 2010. UNC returns nine starters from the only unit that

ranked among the nation's top 15 in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense, passing defense and tackles for a loss.

Defensive end Robert Quinn had 11 sacks last year, finished second in balloting for ACC Defensive Player of the Year and is the star of a group loaded with future NFL players. Marvin Austin and Tydreke Powell are strong inside at defensive tackle, and seniors Bruce Carter and Quan Sturdivant are explosive athletes at outside linebacker. The secondary, led by cornerback Kendric Burney and free safety Deunta Williams, features four senior starters. Burney and Williams, All-ACC picks a year ago, have started all 38 games of their college careers.

If the Tar Heels have a weakness defensively, it could be their depth. They lack proven backups at most positions, especially defensive tackle and in the secondary.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker Casey Barth doesn't have an especially strong leg — his career-long field goal is only 42 yards — but he is accurate from inside that distance. Punter Grant Schallock, meanwhile, looks to improve on his 40.3-yard average from a year ago. Da'Norris Searcy is an effective punt returner, but the Tar Heels must address their kickoff returns after ranking 11th in the ACC in that department last season.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Butch Davis can point to many accomplishments in three years on the job, including back-to-back bowl trips for Tar Heels for the first time since 1997-98. But there is much left to be done. UNC has yet to win a bowl game, post a winning record in ACC play or beat rival NC State under Davis.

If the Tar Heels develop on offense and figure out a way to pull out some tight games — they are just 3-10 in contests decided by a field goal or less under Davis — they can cross at least some of those items off the checklist this season.



QUAN STURDIVANT

### THE QUOTE

"The Tar Heels play defense the way Florida State and Miami used to play defense. They have NFL players up and down."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	8 Greg Little (Sr.)	87 Jheranie Boyd (So.)
WR	88 Erik Highsmith (So.)	83 Dwight Jones (Jr.)
LT	71 Carl Gaskins (Jr.)	68 James Hurst (Fr.)
LG	70 Alan Pelc (Sr.)	67 Greg Elleby (Sr.)
C	64 Jonathan Cooper (So.)	65 Cam Holland (Jr.)
RG	76 Travis Bond (So.)	62 David Collins (Fr.)
RT	66 Mike Ingersoll (Sr.)	73 Brennan Williams (So.)
TE	17 Zack Pianalto (Sr.)	80 Ed Barham (Sr.)
QB	13 T.J. Yates (Sr.)	2 Bryn Renner (Fr.)
FB	45 Devon Ramsay (Jr.)	6 Anthony Elzy (Sr.)
RB	20 Shaun Draughn (Sr.)	32 Ryan Houston (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (9)

DE	42 Robert Quinn (Jr.)	94 Michael McAdoo (Jr.)
DT	9 Marvin Austin (Sr.)	78 Jordan Nix (Jr.)
DT	91 Tydreke Powell (Jr.)	97 Jared McAdoo (Fr.)
DE	90 Quinton Coples (Jr.)	98 Donte Paige-Moss (So.)
SLB	54 Bruce Carter (Sr.)	35 Herman Davidson (Jr.)
MLB	48 Kevin Reddick (So.)	57 Dion Guy (So.)
VLB	52 Quan Sturdivant (Sr.)	47 Zach Brown (Jr.)
CB	16 Kendric Burney (Sr.)	37 LeCount Fantroy (Jr.)
CB	12 Charles Brown (Sr.)	7 Mywan Jackson (So.)
SS	21 Da'Norris Searcy (Sr.)	28 Jonathan Smith (Sr.)
FS	27 Deunta Williams (Sr.)	29 Brian Gupton (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	11 Casey Barth (Jr.)	KR	34 Johnny White (Sr.)
P	39 Grant Schallock (Jr.)	PR	21 Da'Norris Searcy (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: T.J. Yates, 355-214-2,136-15, 14 TDs

Rushing: Ryan Houston, 191 car., 713 yds., 9 TDs

Receiving: Greg Little, 62 rec., 724 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Quan Sturdivant, 79, 48 solo

Sacks: Robert Quinn, 11

Interceptions: Deunta Williams, 6 for 114 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#LSU
Sept. 18	Georgia Tech
Sept. 25	at Rutgers
Oct. 2	East Carolina
Oct. 9	Clemson
Oct. 16	at Virginia
Oct. 23	at Miami
Oct. 30	William & Mary
Nov. 6	at Florida State
Nov. 13	Virginia Tech
Nov. 20	NC State
Nov. 27	at Duke
	#Atlanta, GA

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-4)

Sept. 5	The Citadel	W	40-6
Sept. 12	at Connecticut	W	12-10
Sept. 19	East Carolina	W	31-17
Sept. 26	at Georgia Tech	L	7-24
Oct. 3	Virginia	L	3-16
Oct. 10	Georgia Southern	W	42-12
Oct. 22	Florida State	L	27-30
Oct. 29	at Virginia Tech	W	20-17
Nov. 7	Duke	W	19-6
Nov. 14	Miami	W	33-24
Nov. 21	at Boston College	W	31-13
Nov. 28	at NC State	L	27-28
Dec. 26	#Pittsburgh	L	17-19
	#Meineke Car Care Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	23.8 ppg	10	83
Rushing	132.9 ypg	7	79
Passing	174.9 ypg	10	102
Total	307.8 ypg	11	108

Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	17.1 ppg	2	13
Rushing	95.6 ypg	1	10
Passing	174.0 ypg	3	14
Total	269.6 ypg	1	6

TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
+2	+0.15	5	51

HEAD COACH: BUTCH DAVIS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 20-18 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 71-38 (9 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOHN SHOOP DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: EVERETT WITHERS





# VIRGINIA

## CAVALIERS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)

**OFFENSE** The spread was a dud. Old school Al Groh's 11th-hour conversion to a New Age offense wasn't enough to save his job, or put up more yardage or more points on the board. Only two teams in the nation ranked below Virginia in total offense.

New coach Mike London wants to return to basics, hoping to employ a physical running game while mixing in short passes with occasional strikes down field. It's unclear whether he has the playmakers or offensive line to do it. Marc Verica is the starting quarterback by default, because he's the only QB on the roster to have played in a game. Verica wasn't suited for the spread, and his decision-making has been questionable at times. He's got more than twice as many career interceptions (17) as TD passes (eight).

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Virginia ranked 118th of 120 FBS teams in total offense last season, ahead of only Washington State and New Mexico State.

London likes the variety of tailbacks on the roster. They range in size from 5'8", 185-pound Perry Jones to 6'3", 255-pound Keith Payne. Redshirt freshman Dominique Wallace could be the best of the bunch. A former high school All-American, he was coming on last year before suffering a season-ending injury and receiving a medical redshirt.

Competition at receiver is wide open, with speedster Tim Smith being counted on for a breakout season.

The offensive line struggled last year in the wider splits employed in the spread. Protecting the quarterback was a particular problem. London believes the unit is better-suited for a more traditional scheme. Even so, with questions at the skill positions, it's hard to see the Cavaliers becoming an offensive force overnight.

**DEFENSE** Former linebackers are moving to defensive end. Safeties are becoming outside linebackers. Virginia is switching from Groh's 3-4 defense to a 4-3, hoping to get more speed on the field.

The Cavaliers didn't generate much pass rush last season. Having more speed and quickness at the ends should help. Groh's defense featured big, NFL-style linemen who played two gaps. London is looking for guys who can fly.

Cam Johnson, a former linebacker turned end, appears to be one of them. He'll be counted on to bring some heat off the edge. Inside, former end Matt Conrath will bring quickness to the tackle position.

At linebacker, Steve Greer is a fixture in the middle but the outside positions are up for grabs. The strength of the defense is the secondary, led by cornerback Ras-I Dowling and safety Rodney McLeod.

Overall, Virginia should be fine on defense, and will need to be, because it isn't likely to win by simply outscoring people.

**SPECIALISTS** Three players are vying for the starting kicking job, a position that Robert Randolph seemingly had locked down last year, but let slip away with a poor spring. Virginia has struggled in the coverage and return games for several seasons, and those are areas the new staff will need to address.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Affable and energetic, London is considered a rising star in the coaching profession. He was a popular choice to replace Groh, whose sometimes imperious style had worn thin. London has lightened the mood around the program, while also attempting to enliven the pace. He quickly won over fans, state high school coaches, players, and even the media. Winning games won't be as easy. London figures to get his players' best efforts, but he's going to need more playmakers on both sides of the ball to get the Cavaliers in contention in the ACC.

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ACC COASTAL PREDICTION

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RAS-I DOWLING

### THE QUOTE

"New system. I think they'll come out and compete and fight. But I think you'll see a repeat of what happened last year. I don't think they're very talented."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	20 Tim Smith (So.)	2 Jared Green (Jr.)
WR	18 Kris Burd (Jr.)	81 Dontrelle Inman (Sr.)
LT	67 Landon Bradley (Jr.)	69 Lamar Milstead (Jr.)
LG	63 Austin Pasztor (Jr.)	77 Aaron Van Kuiken (So.)
C	68 Anthony Mihota (Jr.)	60 Mike Price (So.)
RG	65 B.J. Cabbell (Sr.)	75 Isaac Cain (Sr.)
RT	72 Oday Aboushi (So.)	71 Matt Mihalik (So.)
TE	83 Joe Torchia (Sr.)	89 Colter Phillips (So.)
QB	6 Marc Verica (Sr.)	13 Ross Metheny (Fr.)
FB	34 Terence Fells-Danzer (Jr.)	36 Max Milien (Jr.)
RB	5 Torrey Mack (So.)	33 Perry Jones (So.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	56 Cam Johnson (Jr.)	47 Bill Schautz (So.)
DT	96 Nick Jenkins (Jr.)	59 John-Kevin Dolce (Sr.)
DT	94 Matt Conrath (Jr.)	93 Will Hill (So.)
DE	92 Zane Parr (Jr.)	99 Brent Urban (Fr.)
OLB	55 Jared Detrick (Sr.)	39 Tucker Windle (So.)
MLB	53 Steve Greer (So.)	52 Aaron Taliaferro (Jr.)
OLB	30 Ausar Walcott (So.)	26 LaRoy Reynolds (So.)
CB	19 Ras-I Dowling (Sr.)	43 Mike Parker (Jr.)
CB	13 Chase Minnifield (Jr.)	42 Devin Wallace (So.)
SS	4 Rodney McLeod (Jr.)	1 Trey Womack (Sr.)
FS	7 Corey Mosley (Jr.)	23 Dom Joseph (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	3 Robert Randolph (Jr.)	KR	33 Perry Jones (So.)
P	8 Jimmy Howell (Jr.)	PR	13 Chase Minnifield (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Marc Verica, 63-28-156-1, 0 TD  
 Rushing: Torrey Mack, 23 car., 73 yds., 0 TD  
 Receiving: Kris Burd, 31 rec., 413 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Steve Greer, 92, 49 solo  
 Sacks: Zane Parr, 3.5

Interceptions: Ras-I Dowling, 3 for 70 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Richmond
Sept. 11	at USC
Sept. 25	VMI
Oct. 2	Florida State
Oct. 9	at Georgia Tech
Oct. 16	North Carolina
Oct. 23	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 30	Miami
Nov. 6	at Duke
Nov. 13	Maryland
Nov. 20	at Boston College
Nov. 27	at Virginia Tech

### 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 2-6)

Sept. 5	William & Mary	L	14-26
Sept. 12	TCU	L	14-30
Sept. 19	at Southern Miss	L	34-37
Oct. 3	at North Carolina	W	16-3
Oct. 10	Indiana	W	47-7
Oct. 17	at Maryland	W	20-9
Oct. 24	Georgia Tech	L	9-34
Oct. 31	Duke	L	17-28
Nov. 7	at Miami	L	17-52
Nov. 14	Boston College	L	10-14
Nov. 21	at Clemson	L	21-34
Nov. 28	Virginia Tech	L	13-42

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	19.3 ppg	12	105
Rushing	99.1 ypg	11	112
Passing	170.5 ypg	11	105
Total	269.6 ypg	12	118
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	26.3 ppg	8	68
Rushing	173.8 ypg	11	95
Passing	184.6 ypg	4	23
Total	358.4 ypg	6	52
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
0	0.00	7	60

HEAD COACH: MIKE LONDON RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 24-5 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILL LAZOR DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIM REID



**OFFENSE** Once a cause for concern in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech's offense improved last season. The Hokies ranked 50th nationally with 392.1 yards per game, their most since 2003. They had 28 passes of 25 yards or longer and 29 runs of 20 yards or longer, compared to 19 such passes and 21 such runs in 2008, when they played 14 games, one more than they played last season.

Tech fans have much to like about the offense, which returns every starter except left guard, left tackle, tight end and fullback, a rarely used position.

Senior Tyrod Taylor is back for his third season as the starting quarterback. His top three receivers — Jarrett Boykin, Dyrrell Roberts and Danny Coale — are all juniors with two years of legitimate experience. And sophomore Ryan Williams is coming off a season in which he broke the school rushing record.

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The Hokies have finished the past six seasons ranked in at least the top 12 nationally in both total and scoring defense. They were 12th in total defense and ninth in scoring defense last season.

Experienced backups Greg Nosal and Andre Smith step in at left guard and tight end, respectively, leaving sophomore left tackle Nick Becton as the biggest question. "You see ability, and until he's out there, you don't know," line coach Curt Newsome says. "I don't think we still know."

**DEFENSE** One day near the end of spring practices, defensive line coach Charley Wiles' voice sounded as though he had been gargling rock salt. That's what a spring's worth of loudly coaching young players will do to you. "We've got a long way to go," Wiles says.

He lost three of his four starting linemen and his top backup tackle. He feels okay about

his new ends, senior Steven Friday and junior Chris Drager. But end Jason Worilds' early departure for the NFL left Wiles searching for depth this spring. At tackle, third-year starter John Graves is one of the defense's senior leaders. Snaps at the other tackle spot figure to be split between junior Kwamaine Battle and sophomore Antoine Hopkins.

The defense lost five other starters in addition to the linemen. Perhaps the toughest to replace will be Cody Grimm at whip outside linebacker. Competition between sophomores Jeron Gouveia-Winslow (No. 1 coming out of spring) and Alonzo Tweedy figures to continue into August. Neither saw significant action last season.

Senior cornerback Rashad Carmichael led the Hokies with six interceptions in 2009 and could be poised for a breakout season.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior Brian Saunders replaces Brent Bowden at punter. The kicking situation was less certain in the spring. Fifth-year senior Chris Hazley emerged atop the depth chart, beating out junior Justin Myer, who handled kickoffs as a freshman and sophomore. This is the fourth consecutive season Tech has had a new kicker. The previous three also were fifth-year seniors.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Tech didn't play for the ACC Championship last season but did beat Tennessee in the Chick-fil-A Bowl to finish 10-3 (6-2 ACC) for its sixth consecutive 10-win season. To build on that, the Hokies must plug the holes on defense. It hasn't been that long since coordinator Bud Foster needed to replace this kind of talent; he lost seven starters after the 2007 season. But he says this might be a bigger rebuilding job.

Might this mean that Tech's offense has to carry the load early while the defense finds its identity? Time was, that would have been an outlandish thought in Blacksburg. Now, it could be coach Frank Beamer's reality.



RYAN WILLIAMS

### THE QUOTE

"This might be Frank Beamer's most dangerous team since Michael Vick played there. Ryan Williams was the best running back in the league last season, and if Darren Evans comes back healthy, they're really going to be able to run the ball and control the clock."

— An opposing ACC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR 81 Jarrett Boykin (Jr.)	7 Marcus Davis (So.)
WR 19 Danny Coale (Jr.)	11 Dyrrell Roberts (Jr.)
LT 54 Nick Becton (So.)	63 Laurence Gibson (Fr.)
LG 75 Greg Nosal (Jr.)	76 David Wang (Fr.)
C 60 Beau Warren (Sr.)	67 Michael Via (So.)
RG 68 Jaymes Brooks (Jr.)	71 Vinston Painter (So.)
RT 62 Blake DeChristopher (Jr.)	72 Andrew Lanier (Jr.)
TE 88 Andre Smith (Sr.)	87 Parker Parker (Sr.)
QB 5 Tyrod Taylor (Sr.)	3 Logan Thomas (Fr.)
FB 31 Kenny Younger (Sr.)	25 Josh Oglesby (Jr.)
TB 34 Ryan Williams (So.)	32 Darren Evans (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE 82 Steven Friday (Sr.)	42 J.R. Collins (Fr.)
DT 93 Kwamaine Battle (Jr.)	56 Antoine Hopkins (So.)
DT 91 John Graves (Sr.)	56 Antoine Hopkins (So.)
DE 33 Chris Drager (Jr.)	99 James Gayle (Fr.)
OLB 43 Jeron Gouveia-Winslow (So.)	28 Alonzo Tweedy (So.)
ILB 39 Lyndell Gibson (So.)	24 Tariq Edwards (Fr.)
ILB 52 Barquell Rivers (Jr.)	51 Bruce Taylor (So.)
CB 17 Jayron Hosley (So.)	9 Cris Hill (Jr.)
CB 21 Rashad Carmichael (Sr.)	9 Cris Hill (Jr.)
SS 2 Davon Morgan (Sr.)	26 James Hopper (Fr.)
FS 15 Eddie Whitley (Jr.)	1 Antone Exum (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 14 Chris Hazley (Sr.)	KR 11 Dyrrell Roberts (Jr.)
P 30 Brian Saunders (Sr.)	PR 17 Jayron Hosley (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tyrod Taylor, 243-136-2,311-5, 13 TDs  
Rushing: Ryan Williams, 293 car., 1,655 yds., 21 TDs  
Receiving: Jarrett Boykin, 40 rec., 835 yds., 5 TDs  
Tackles: Barquell Rivers, 96, 34 solo  
Sacks: Steven Friday, 3.5  
Interceptions: Rashad Carmichael, 6 for 71 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	#Boise State
Sept. 11	James Madison
Sept. 18	East Carolina
Sept. 25	at Boston College
Oct. 2	at NC State
Oct. 9	Central Michigan
Oct. 16	Wake Forest
Oct. 23	Duke
Nov. 4	Georgia Tech
Nov. 13	at North Carolina
Nov. 20	at Miami
Nov. 27	Virginia
	#Landover, MD

### 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 6-2)

Sept. 5	vs. Alabama (Atlanta)	L	24-34
Sept. 12	Marshall	W	52-10
Sept. 19	Nebraska	W	16-15
Sept. 26	Miami	W	31-7
Oct. 3	at Duke	W	34-26
Oct. 10	Boston College	W	48-14
Oct. 17	at Georgia Tech	L	23-28
Oct. 29	North Carolina	L	17-20
Nov. 5	at East Carolina	W	16-3
Nov. 14	at Maryland	W	36-9
Nov. 21	NC State	W	38-10
Nov. 28	at Virginia	W	42-13
Dec. 31	#Tennessee	W	37-14
	#Chick-fil-A Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	31.9 ppg	2	24
Rushing	208.2 ypg	2	14
Passing	183.9 ypg	9	95
Total	392.1 ypg	6	50
Defense	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
Scoring	15.6 ppg	1	9
Rushing	128.4 ypg	4	40
Passing	167.1 ypg	2	11
Total	295.5 ypg	2	12
TO Margin	Per Game	ACC	Nat'l
+9	+0.69	1	13

HEAD COACH: FRANK BEAMER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 187-92-2 (23 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 229-115-4 (29 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRYAN STINESPRING DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BUD FOSTER





# BIG 12



Jerrod Johnson

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

NORTH		BIG 12	OVERALL
	1. NEBRASKA	7-1	11-2
	2. MISSOURI	5-3	9-3
	3. KANSAS	4-4	6-6
	4. COLORADO	2-6	4-8
	5. KANSAS STATE	2-6	5-7
	6. IOWA STATE	1-7	3-9
SOUTH			
	1. OKLAHOMA	7-1	12-1
	2. TEXAS	6-2	10-2
	3. TEXAS A&M	5-3	8-4
	4. TEXAS TECH	4-4	8-4
	5. OKLAHOMA STATE	3-5	7-5
	6. BAYLOR	2-6	5-7

## BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OKLAHOMA OVER NEBRASKA

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BAYLOR	4	12	8	12	10	10	11
COLORADO	10	11	5	10	5	9	4
IOWA STATE	7	9	11	6	12	12	12
KANSAS	11	10	9	5	8	7	10
KANSAS STATE	12	4	12	7	11	11	9
MISSOURI	2	8	6	1	4	4	5
NEBRASKA	9	2	10	3	2	6	2
OKLAHOMA	3	1	2	2	1	2	3
OKLAHOMA STATE	8	7	7	11	6	8	8
TEXAS	5	5	4	4	3	1	1
TEXAS A&M	1	3	1	8	7	3	7
TEXAS TECH	6	6	3	9	9	5	6

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Jerrod Johnson	6'5"	243	Sr.	Texas A&M
RB	DeMarco Murray	6'1"	214	Sr.	Oklahoma
RB	Daniel Thomas	6'2"	228	Sr.	Kansas State
WR	Ryan Broyles	5'11"	178	Jr.	Oklahoma
WR	Jeff Fuller	6'4"	215	Jr.	Texas A&M
WR	Kendall Wright	5'10"	185	Jr.	Baylor
C	Ben Habern	6'3"	288	So.	Oklahoma
OL	Elvis Fisher	6'5"	300	Jr.	Missouri
OL	Kyle Hix	6'7"	320	Sr.	Texas
OL	Michael Huey	6'5"	310	Sr.	Texas
OL	Nate Solder	6'9"	305	Sr.	Colorado

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Sam Acho	6'3"	260	Sr.	Texas
DL	Jeremy Beal	6'3"	261	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Jared Crick	6'6"	285	Jr.	Nebraska
DL	Aldon Smith	6'5"	255	So.	Missouri
LB	Travis Lewis	6'2"	232	Jr.	Oklahoma
LB	Von Miller	6'3"	240	Sr.	Texas A&M
LB	Keenan Robinson	6'3"	232	Jr.	Texas
CB	Prince Amukamara	6'1"	205	Sr.	Nebraska
CB	Aaron Williams	6'1"	192	Jr.	Texas
S	Quinton Carter	6'1"	193	Sr.	Oklahoma
S	Blake Gideon	6'1"	200	Jr.	Texas

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Grant Ressel	6'1"	190	Jr.	Missouri
P	Alex Henery	6'2"	175	Sr.	Nebraska
KR	Eric Stephens	5'8"	162	So.	Texas Tech
PR	Ryan Broyles	5'11"	178	Jr.	Oklahoma

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Blaine Gabbert	6'5"	240	Jr.	Missouri
RB	Roy Helu	6'0"	220	Sr.	Nebraska
RB	Kendall Hunter	5'8"	197	Sr.	Oklahoma State
WR	Jerrell Jackson	6'1"	190	Jr.	Missouri
WR	Scotty McKnight	5'11"	185	Sr.	Colorado
WR	Malcolm Williams	6'3"	225	Jr.	Texas
C	Tim Barnes	6'4"	310	Sr.	Missouri
OL	Tanner Hawkinson	6'6"	293	So.	Kansas
OL	Patrick Lewis	6'2"	312	So.	Texas A&M
OL	Kelechi Osemele	6'5"	327	Jr.	Iowa State
OL	Keith Williams	6'5"	310	Sr.	Nebraska

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Pierre Allen	6'5"	265	Sr.	Nebraska
DL	Ugo Chinasa	6'5"	252	Sr.	Oklahoma State
DL	Jake Laptad	6'4"	260	Sr.	Kansas
DL	Adrian Taylor	6'4"	303	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Emmanuel Acho	6'2"	235	Jr.	Texas
LB	Brian Duncan	6'1"	240	Sr.	Texas Tech
LB	Will Ebner	6'1"	230	Jr.	Missouri
CB	Curtis Brown	6'0"	180	Sr.	Texas
CB	Eric Hagg	6'2"	220	Sr.	Nebraska
S	Tysyn Hartman	6'3"	206	Jr.	Kansas State
S	Trent Hunter	5'10"	187	Jr.	Texas A&M

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Alex Henery	6'2"	175	Sr.	Nebraska
P	Derek Epperson	6'3"	235	Sr.	Baylor
KR	Cyrus Gray	5'10"	196	Jr.	Texas A&M
PR	Niles Paul	6'1"	220	Sr.	Nebraska

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WACO, TEXAS FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)

## BEARS

**OFFENSE** That loud gasping sound you heard coming out of Waco, Texas, last fall was the wind going out of the Baylor football team's sails when quarterback Robert Griffin went down for good with a torn ACL in his right knee.

While coach Art Briles never wrote off the season, even winning a late road game at Missouri, a second straight 4-8 record was a big letdown for a team that had started the year with such high hopes.

"It was heartbreaking for me, heartbreaking for the community and the fans and even for some of the guys on the team," says Griffin, a Freshman All-American in 2008, when he accounted for 2,934 yards total offense and 28 touchdowns. "But I was proud of the guys for the way they went out every week and fought through the ups and downs."

In addition to Griffin's return, optimism is high because of an offensive line that includes a pair of Canadians in left tackle Danny Watkins and center Philip Blake, who has moved over from right tackle.

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After going through a coaching carousel in five years at Houston, coach Art Briles hasn't lost any assistants as he enters his third season with the Bears.

"We've got to run the ball more effectively, without a doubt," Briles says, "and of course all that starts up front."

That line should also benefit senior running back Jay Finley, who is coming off a high ankle injury that limited him last season and eventually required offseason surgery. At receiver, the Bears have reliable Kendall Wright at an inside spot, Laneard Sampson, Josh Gordon and Terrance Williams on the outside and senior Brad Taylor at tight end.

**DEFENSE** All-America linebacker Joe Pawelek and All-Big 12 free safety Jordan Lake leave

gaping holes on a defense that was already porous. With Penn State transfer Phil Taylor (6'4", 355) failing to live up to the hype that made him the preseason Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year, the Bears' unit ranked among the worst in the league, allowing 405.6 yards and 27.3 points per game.

"We have to be a more opportunistic defense," Briles says. "We want to play aggressive, we want to play fast and we want to be fearless."

Even without Pawelek, the Bears have a solid two-deep linebacking corps led by senior Antonio Johnson. Over the last two seasons, Johnson has piled up 149 tackles and a team-best 11 stops behind the line.

In the secondary, senior Tim Atchison has switched from cornerback to free safety to replace Lake. Joining him will be senior Byron Landor or freshman Prince Kent at strong safety and a rotation of Clifton Odom, Chance Casey and Antareis Bryan at cornerback.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior punter Derek Epperson, a returning All-Big 12 pick and two-time Ray Guy Award semifinalist, finished sixth in the nation last year with a 44.8-yard average. Freshman walk-on kicker Aaron Jones earned the starting job in the spring and booted a 53-yarder in the final scrimmage.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Bears might actually benefit from less hype and attention as they enter this season. It also helps that bowl-busters Wake Forest and Connecticut are no longer on the schedule. They have a favorable home schedule that includes winnable games against Buffalo, Sam Houston State, Kansas, Kansas State and Texas A&M and a date in the Cotton Bowl with Texas Tech.

Win enough of those games and the Bears can end a 16-year postseason bowl drought. But just like last year, that will hinge on keeping Griffin healthy and making big improvements on defense.

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ROBERT GRIFFIN

### THE QUOTE

"Robert Griffin is definitely the kind of player that can completely change a team's outlook, but I hope Baylor fans don't expect him to lead the Bears to a Big 12 title."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	18 Laneard Sampson (So.)	Eddie Johnson (Fr.)
WR	12 Josh Gordon (So.)	2 Terrance Williams (So.)
IR	1 Kendall Wright (Jr.)	15 Krys Buerck (Sr.)
LT	59 Danny Watkins (Sr.)	75 Troy Baker (Fr.)
LG	71 Cameron Kaufhold (So.)	68 Cyril Richardson (Fr.)
C	74 Philip Blake (Jr.)	53 Stefan Huber (Fr.)
RG	79 Robert T. Griffin (Jr.)	63 John Jones (Jr.)
RT	78 Ivory Wade (So.)	67 Joe Korbel (Jr.)
TE	9 Brad Taylor (Sr.)	20 Jerod Monk (So.)
QB	10 Robert Griffin III (So.)	11 Nick Florence (So.)
RB	23 Jay Finley (Sr.)	24 Terrance Ganaway (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	10 Gary Mason Jr. (So.)	18 Tevin Elliot (Fr.)
NG	11 Phil Taylor (Sr.)	90 Nicolas Jean-Baptiste (Jr.)
DT	13 Tracy Robertson (Jr.)	94 Chris Buford (Sr.)
DE	96 Zac Scotton (Jr.)	56 Jared Edwards (So.)
LB	7 Antonio Johnson (Sr.)	19 LeQuince McCall (Fr.)
LB	36 Chris Francis (Sr.)	31 Chris McAllister (Fr.)
LB	37 Elliot Coffey (Jr.)	33 Earl Patin (Sr.)
CB	39 Chance Casey (So.)	Tyler Stephenson (Fr.)
CB	20 Clifton Odom (Sr.)	3 Antareis Bryan (Sr.)
SS	14 Byron Landor (Sr.)	1 Prince Kent (Fr.)
FS	8 Tim Atchison (Sr.)	17 Mike Hicks (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	43 Aaron Jones (Fr.)	KR	5 Mikail Baker (Sr.)
P	38 Derek Epperson (Sr.)	PR	15 Krys Buerck (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nick Florence, 266-165-1,786-9, 6 TDs

Rushing: Jay Finley, 79 car, 370 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Kendall Wright, 66 rec., 740 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Antonio Johnson, 77, 37 solo

Sacks: Tracy Robertson, 3

Interceptions: Chance Casey, 2 for 66 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Sam Houston State
Sept. 11	Buffalo
Sept. 18	at TCU
Sept. 25	at Rice
Oct. 2	Kansas
Oct. 9	# Texas Tech
Oct. 16	at Colorado
Oct. 23	Kansas State
Oct. 30	at Texas
Nov. 6	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 13	Texas A&M
Nov. 20	Oklahoma
	# Dallas

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 1-7)

Sept. 5	at Wake Forest	W	24-21
Sept. 19	Connecticut	L	22-30
Sept. 26	Northwestern State	W	68-13
Oct. 3	Kent State	W	31-15
Oct. 10	at Oklahoma	L	7-33
Oct. 17	at Iowa State	L	10-24
Oct. 24	Oklahoma State	L	7-34
Oct. 31	Nebraska	L	10-20
Nov. 7	at Missouri	W	40-32
Nov. 14	Texas	L	14-47
Nov. 21	at Texas A&M	L	3-38
Nov. 28	Texas Tech (Arlington)	L	13-20

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	20.8 ppg	11	101
Rushing	100.6 ypg	10	108
Passing	242.3 ypg	7	37
Total	342.9 ypg	10	85

Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	27.3 ppg	9	72
Rushing	178.8 ypg	12	98
Passing	226.8 ypg	6	75
Total	405.6 ypg	10	94

TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
-5	-0.42	9	87

HEAD COACH: ART BRILES RECORD AT SCHOOL: 8-16 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 42-44 (7 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: RANDY CLEMENTS, PHILLIP MONTGOMERY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRIAN NORWOOD





NORMAN, OKLA. OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (82,112)

**OFFENSE** The Sooners were unexpectedly thrown into a quarterback transition in 2009. Now the position demands a different transition — toward excellence, with Landry Jones ready to stamp his identity on the program.

Oklahoma's attack faces many of the same questions that surrounded the offense a year ago. Can a retooled line become a consistent force? Are there enough reliable playmakers at wide receiver? Yet no variable stands more critical to the offense's return to championship-caliber efficiency than Jones' progression from Sam Bradford's sudden replacement to unquestioned 2010 leader and starter.

Jones will only be a sophomore, so more can reasonably be expected. He did throw for 3,198 yards and 26 touchdowns, albeit with 14 interceptions. And he finished strong with big games against Oklahoma State and Stanford, the latter in the Sun Bowl.

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The Sooners have made 11 consecutive bowl appearances — a school record — spanning the entire Bob Stoops era.

"I can already tell the difference in the way I'm seeing stuff now and what I was seeing then," Jones said in gauging his progress during the spring.

Of course, Jones needs help, starting up front, where issues doomed the Sooners from the outset and lingered all season long a year ago. A young group must grow up.

Running back DeMarco Murray is a dynamic talent as a runner, receiver and return man, compiling 4,661 all-purpose yards and 45 total touchdowns through three seasons. But he must shake a history of injury problems that have prevented him from reaching his full potential.

Ryan Broyles boasts game-breaking skills at wide receiver, with 15 touchdown catches in '09, but he is flanked by guys who have been inconsistent and unreliable due to dropped balls.

**DEFENSE** Major offseason hits were absorbed; both corners, two productive linebackers and once-in-a-generation tackle Gerald McCoy all have moved on. And still, the Sooners barely flinched, rolling out more elite talent.

End Jeremy Beal and linebacker Travis Lewis are Player of the Year candidates in the Big 12. Beal ranks fifth on the school's career sacks list, while Lewis led the team in tackles the past two seasons and infuses an attacking attitude throughout the defense.

Tackle Adrian Taylor, end Frank Alexander and free safety Quinton Carter are all-conference types, and Jonathan Nelson's shift from strong safety should solidify one of the corner spots.

There are some uncertainties, with unproven young players asked to fill in some major voids. And depth is an issue. But the Sooners have star power — and more.

**SPECIALISTS** Punter Tress Way showed a booming leg a year ago, leading the Big 12 and ranking third nationally with a 45.7-yard average. The return game is also a strength, with Broyles being a game-changer. The major concern is fixing field goals after the Sooners tried three different kickers — with unsatisfying results — a year ago.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Sooners are eager to distance themselves from last season's disappointments, which were exacerbated by a rash of injuries.

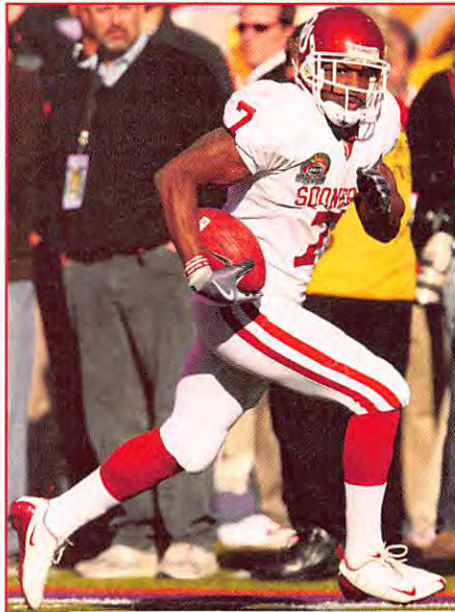
Much of that hope is tied to Jones' progression at quarterback, although there are other issues and questions marks, most revolving around the readiness of youngsters who are talented, yet untested.

The schedule features early challenges in a visit from Florida State and a trip to Cincinnati. By then, we should know if the Sooners are ready to make a run at reclaiming Big 12 dominance, which is tied to beating Texas, a feat that's eluded them four of the past five years.

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DeMARCO MURRAY

### THE QUOTE

"If DeMarco Murray can stay healthy, he can be the best running back in the league."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	85 Ryan Broyles (Jr.)	17 Mossis Madu (Sr.)
WR	4 Kenny Stills (Fr.)	16 Jaz Reynolds (So.)
WR	24 DeJuan Miller (Jr.)	8 Brandon Caleb (Jr.)
LT	59 Donald Stephenson (Jr.)	76 Jarvis Jones (Jr.)
LG	77 Stephen Good (Jr.)	68 Bronson Irwin (Fr.)
C	61 Ben Habern (So.)	64 Gabe Ikard (Fr.)
RG	75 Tyler Evans (So.)	72 Tavaris Jeffries (Sr.)
RT	70 Cory Brandon (Sr.)	73 Josh Aladenoye (Fr.)
TE	69 Eric Mensik (Sr.)	47 Trent Ratterree (Jr.)
QB	12 Landry Jones (So.)	15 Drew Allen (Fr.)
RB	7 DeMarco Murray (Sr.)	23 Jermie Calhoun (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	44 Jeremy Beal (Sr.)	90 David King (So.)
DT	86 Adrian Taylor (Sr.)	92 Stacey McGee (So.)
NT	97 Jamarkus McFarland (So.)	53 Casey Walker (So.)
DE	84 Frank Alexander (Jr.)	95 Justin Chaisson (Fr.)
WLB	28 Travis Lewis (Jr.)	55 Jaydan Bird (So.)
MLB	21 Tom Wort (Fr.)	31 Daniel Franklin (So.)
SLB	56 Ronnell Lewis (So.)	12 Austin Box (Jr.)
CB	19 Demontre Hurst (So.)	9 Gabe Lynn (Fr.)
CB	3 Jonathan Nelson (Sr.)	32 Jamell Fleming (Jr.)
SS	27 Sam Proctor (Jr.)	5 Joseph Ibiyoye (So.)
FS	20 Quinton Carter (Sr.)	13 Marcus Trice (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	36 Patrick O'Hara (So.)	KR	85 Ryan Broyles (Jr.)
P	38 Tress Way (So.)	PR	85 Ryan Broyles (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Landry Jones, 449-261-3,198-14, 26 TDs  
 Rushing: DeMarco Murray, 171 car., 705 yds., 8 TDs  
 Receiving: Ryan Broyles, 89 rec., 1,120 yds., 15 TDs  
 Tackles: Travis Lewis, 109, 56 solo  
 Sacks: Jeremy Beal, 11  
 Interceptions: Jonathan Nelson, 3 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Utah State
Sept. 11	Florida State
Sept. 18	Air Force
Sept. 25	at Cincinnati
Oct. 2	#Texas
Oct. 16	Iowa State
Oct. 23	at Missouri
Oct. 30	Colorado
Nov. 6	at Texas A&M
Nov. 13	Texas Tech
Nov. 20	at Baylor
Nov. 27	at Oklahoma State
	#Dallas, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-3)

Sept. 5	BYU	L	13-14
Sept. 12	Idaho State	W	64-0
Sept. 19	Tulsa	W	45-0
Oct. 3	at Miami	L	20-21
Oct. 10	Baylor	W	33-7
Oct. 17	Texas (Dallas)	L	13-16
Oct. 24	at Kansas	W	35-13
Oct. 31	Kansas State	W	42-30
Nov. 7	at Nebraska	L	3-10
Nov. 14	Texas A&M	W	65-10
Nov. 21	at Texas Tech	L	13-41
Nov. 28	Oklahoma State	W	27-0
Dec. 31	#Stanford	W	31-27
	#Sun Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	31.1 ppg	4	29	
Rushing	134.6 ypg	7	77	
Passing	289.2 ypg	3	11	
Total	423.9 ypg	3	23	
	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	14.5 ppg	2	7	
Rushing	92.9 ypg	2	8	
Passing	179.7 ypg	3	20	
Total	272.6 ypg	3	8	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: BOB STOOPS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 117-29 (11 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 117-29 (11 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KEVIN WILSON, JAY NORVELL CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BRENT VENABLES, BOBBY JACK WRIGHT



STILLWATER, OKLA. BOONE-PICKENS STADIUM (60,218)

**OFFENSE** The installation of Dana Holgorsen's offense was the story of Oklahoma State's spring practices. Holgorsen is a Mike Leach protégé who led Houston to a No. 1 national ranking in total offense in 2009.

Junior Brandon Weeden, a 26-year-old who played professional baseball in the New York Yankees farm system before arriving at OSU, takes over for departed senior Zac Robinson. Weeden has a strong arm and seems to be a perfect fit for the offense. He arrived on the scene during OSU's 31-28 comeback win over Colorado on ESPN's Thursday night football last November.

Running back Kendall Hunter will carry the load and is looking to produce like he did as a sophomore (1,555 rushing yards, 16 TDs) after an injury-plagued junior campaign. The Cowboys, as usual, have quality depth in the backfield.

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Oklahoma State has led the Big 12 in rushing for four straight seasons — a streak that is in danger of ending with the hiring of Dana Holgorsen as the new offensive coordinator.

OSU must replace four of five offensive linemen, but the Cowboys coaches like the young talent up front. And in Holgorsen's offense, getting rid of the ball quickly is priority No. 1, something that helps lessen the pressure on the big guys in the trenches.

**DEFENSE** Bill Young transformed the Cowboys defense in 2009. OSU finished No. 11 nationally against the run (95.8 ypg) and No. 31 in total defense (332.5 ypg) after finishing No. 52 in rushing defense (137.9 ypg) and No. 93 in total defense (405.5 ypg) in 2008. However, Young must start over in 2010 with only three starters back. He will lean on veteran linebacker Orie Lemon, who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

"He's going to be the man in the middle for us," Young says. "If there's a better middle linebacker I don't know who that would be. I have that much faith in him. He's going to be something special."

Junior safety Markelle Martin has superstar written all over him with his superb size and coverage skills. He's the ideal defensive back in the era of spread offenses.

The biggest concern on defense are the tackle spots, where the Pokes are a bit undersized and will enter fall camp searching for additional depth.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior Dan Bailey is a very solid kicker, and sophomore Quinn Sharp excels on kickoffs and punts. That duo will likely make OSU's kicking game one of the best in the Big 12. The question mark on special teams is at kick and punt returner with Perrish Cox and Dez Bryant headed to the NFL. Justin Gilbert will be given every opportunity to win the job thanks to his speed, quickness and dynamic open-field abilities.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** This is the year we begin to find out if Mike Gundy has built a team or built a program at Oklahoma State. The Cowboys went 18-8 during the past two seasons, including their 9-4 record and Cotton Bowl berth in 2009. How well the Cowboys rebuild in 2010 will speak volumes about the direction of the program under Gundy and how well the staff has recruited in the past few seasons. With OSU's facilities largely considered among the nation's best, the pressure on Gundy to win, and win now, will increase each season.

The key to the Cowboys' season will be their defense and how quickly their young players grow up. OSU has plenty of talent at linebacker and in the secondary, but mental mistakes could be costly in a league that features so many high-powered attacks.

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KENDALL HUNTER

### THE QUOTE

"I think the window closed on Oklahoma State's chances of winning the Big 12 last season. They had some bad breaks, but they were really building to last season."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (2)

WR	84 Hubert Anyiam (Jr.)	82 Isaiah Anderson (So.)
WR	81 Justin Blackmon (So.)	Kevin Johnson (Fr.)
IR	25 Josh Cooper (Jr.)	18 Charlie Moore (Fr.)
IR	87 Tracy Moore (So.)	14 Justin Horton (So.)
LT	75 Nick Martinez (Jr.)	71 Parker Graham (Fr.)
LG	70 Jonathan Rush (Jr.)	51 Brandon Webb (Fr.)
C	74 Grant Garner (Jr.)	64 Casey LaBrue (Jr.)
RG	68 Lane Taylor (So.)	56 Patrick Hoog (So.)
RT	73 Levy Adcock (Jr.)	63 Jordan Taormina (Sr.)
QB	3 Brandon Weeden (Jr.)	8 Johnny Deaton (Fr.)
HB	24 Kendall Hunter (Sr.)	31 Jeremy Smith (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	91 Ugo Chinasa (Sr.)	92 Darius Hart (Sr.)
DT	46 Shane Jarka (Sr.)	89 Nigel Nicholas (So.)
DT	95 Chris Donaldson (Sr.)	80 Cooper Bassett (So.)
DE	50 Jamie Blatnick (Jr.)	99 Richetti Jones (Jr.)
STAR	29 Joe Mitchell (Fr.)	22 James Thomas (Jr.)
LB	41 Orie Lemon (Sr.)	59 Tolu Moala (Sr.)
LB	42 Justin Gent (Sr.)	33 LeRon Furr (Fr.)
CB	19 Brodrick Brown (So.)	1 Malcolm Murray (So.)
CB	16 Andrae May (So.)	18 Devin Hedgepeth (Fr.)
S	10 Markelle Martin (Jr.)	3 Victor Johnson (Jr.)
S	12 Johnny Thomas (Jr.)	8 Daytawion Lowe (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	95 Dan Bailey (Sr.)	KR	Justin Gilbert (Fr.)
P	13 Quinn Sharp (So.)	PR	25 Josh Cooper (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Brandon Weeden, 24-15-248-1, 4 TDs

Rushing: Kendall Hunter, 89 car, 382 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Hubert Anyiam, 42 rec., 515 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Markelle Martin, 45, 39 solo

Sacks: Ugo Chinasa, 6.5

Interceptions: Andrew McGee, 1 for 0 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Washington State
Sept. 11	Troy
Sept. 18	Tulsa
Sept. 30	Texas A&M
Oct. 8	at UL Lafayette
Oct. 16	at Texas Tech
Oct. 23	Nebraska
Oct. 30	at Kansas State
Nov. 6	Baylor
Nov. 13	at Texas
Nov. 20	at Kansas
Nov. 27	Oklahoma

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Georgia	W	24-10
Sept. 12	Houston	L	35-45
Sept. 19	Rice	W	41-24
Sept. 26	Grambling	W	56-6
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M	W	36-31
Oct. 17	Missouri	W	33-17
Oct. 24	at Baylor	W	34-7
Oct. 31	Texas	L	14-41
Nov. 7	at Iowa State	W	34-8
Nov. 14	Texas Tech	W	24-17
Nov. 19	Colorado	W	31-28
Nov. 28	at Oklahoma	L	0-27
Jan. 2	#Ole Miss	L	7-21
	#Cotton Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	28.4 ppg	7	56	
Rushing	187.8 ypg	1	22	
Passing	179.5 ypg	10	99	
Total	367.2 ypg	7	70	
	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	21.7 ppg	4	31	
Rushing	95.8 ypg	4	11	
Passing	236.8 ypg	8	89	
Total	332.5 ypg	4	31	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	0	0.00	7	60

HEAD COACH: MIKE GUNDY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 36-27 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 36-27 (5 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DANA HOLGORSEN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILL YOUNG



**OFFENSE** Mack Brown wants to go old-school with his offense in 2010. Brown says the shotgun, zone-read, spread attack that helped Texas win a national title with Vince Young in 2005 is being replaced with a power-running game and play-action passing with the quarterback under center.

Brown didn't like the way Texas ran the ball last season — just 4.0 yards per carry, the lowest since 2002 (3.4 ypc). But he also wants to help take pressure off sophomore quarterback Garrett Gilbert, who replaces four-year starter Colt McCoy.

"Our offense was built to have Colt beat teams with his arm because he was so accurate," Brown says. "We're not saying Garrett can't carry out the same offense. But we want to go back to being more balanced."

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Garrett Gilbert has won his last 30 games as a starting quarterback, dating back to consecutive state title seasons at Lake Travis High School near Austin in 2007 and 2008.

Gilbert doesn't appear to be a question mark any longer on an offense seeking to replace the quarterback, the top receiver (Jordan Shipley) and three fifth-year seniors on the line. He has bounced back from the shock of having to relieve an injured McCoy just five plays into the BCS national title game against Alabama with an impressive spring.

A stable of running backs, led by sophomore Tre' Newton, and a group of receivers, led by junior Malcolm Williams, as well as four seniors on the offensive line should help bolster confidence in the offense.

**DEFENSE** The nation's No. 1-ranked rush defense in 2009 has some key holes to fill if it wants to continue a reputation for stopping the run and getting after the passer under third-year defensive coordinator Will Muschamp.

There's a lot to replace, including key leaders Lamarr Houston at defensive tackle and Sergio Kindle at end, linebacker Rodrick Muckelroy, the team's leading tackler the past two years and ball-hawking safety Earl Thomas, who had eight interceptions last season.

But Muschamp sounds confident he'll have the players to fill those key roles, starting with Sam Acho, the team's sack leader last year with 10, defensive tackle Kheeston Randall, linebackers Keenan Robinson and Emmanuel Acho and safety Blake Gideon, who had six interceptions last season.

"Our expectations will never change at Texas," Muschamp says. "Our expectations are to be outstanding."

**SPECIALISTS** Junior Justin Tucker, who has never attempted a field goal in college, must replace Hunter Lawrence, who was 6-of-6 on field goals in victories over Oklahoma the past two years and booted the game-winner from 46 yards in the Big 12 title game. John Gold has been a solid punter, and Texas has big-play men in the return game led by Marquise Goodwin and D.J. Monroe, who both had kick returns for touchdowns last season, and punt returner Aaron Williams.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The defenses under Muschamp have been championship caliber, and this year should be no different, led by a secondary that could lose three players to the NFL after this season.

Gilbert and Texas' new-look offense will need to find a comfort zone quickly, because Texas has a tough four-game stretch starting Sept. 18 with a road trip to Texas Tech, then a home game against UCLA before playing Oklahoma in Dallas and Nebraska in Lincoln.

If Texas can survive that run unblemished, the Longhorns will again be the favorite to win the Big 12 title and could possibly make a return trip to the BCS national championship game.



GARRETT GILBERT

### THE QUOTE

"The Longhorns are probably one of the few teams that can reload year after year, but I'm not sure people understand how valuable Colt McCoy was on offense."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	9 Malcolm Williams (Jr.)	Mike Davis (Fr.)
WR	84 Marquise Goodwin (So.)	6 DeSean Hales (So.)
WR	11 James Kirkendoll (Sr.)	5 John Chiles (Sr.)
LT	64 Kyle Hix (Sr.)	70 Paden Kelley (Fr.)
LG	63 Michael Huey (Sr.)	67 Mason Walters (Fr.)
C	78 David Snow (Jr.)	73 Garrett Porter (Fr.)
RG	56 Tray Allen (Sr.)	79 Thomas Ashcraft (Fr.)
RT	72 Britt Mitchell (Sr.)	77 Luke Poehlmann (So.)
TE	83 Greg Smith (Sr.)	89 Barrett Matthews (So.)
QB	7 Garrett Gilbert (So.)	17 Sherrod Harris (Sr.)
RB	23 Tre' Newton (So.)	28 Fozzy Whittaker (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	80 Alex Okafor (So.)	Jackson Jeffcoat (Fr.)
DT	91 Kheeston Randall (Jr.)	Ashton Dorsey (Fr.)
DT	96 Calvin Howell (So.)	Taylor Bible (Fr.)
DE	81 Sam Acho (Sr.)	32 Eddie Jones (Sr.)
SLB	1 Keenan Robinson (Jr.)	9 Dravanni Johnson (So.)
MLB	42 Dustin Earnest (Sr.)	30 Ryan Roberson (So.)
WLB	18 Emmanuel Acho (Jr.)	Jordan Hicks (Fr.)
CB	3 Curtis Brown (Sr.)	8 Chykie Brown (Sr.)
CB	4 Aaron Williams (Jr.)	25 Eryon Barnett (Fr.)
SS	6 Christian Scott (Jr.)	16 Kenny Vaccaro (So.)
FS	21 Blake Gideon (Jr.)	2 Nolan Brewster (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	19 Justin Tucker (Jr.)	KR	84 Marquise Goodwin (So.)
P	47 John Gold (Sr.)	PR	4 Aaron Williams (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Garrett Gilbert, 66-30-310-4, 2 TDs  
Rushing: Tre' Newton, 116 car, 552 yds., 6 TDs  
Receiving: James Kirkendoll, 48 rec., 461 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Keenan Robinson, 74, 42 solo  
Sacks: Sam Acho, 10  
Interceptions: Blake Gideon, 6 for 31 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Rice (Reliant Stadium)
Sept. 11	Wyoming
Sept. 18	at Texas Tech
Sept. 25	UCLA
Oct. 2	#Oklahoma
Oct. 16	at Nebraska
Oct. 23	Iowa State
Oct. 30	Baylor
Nov. 6	at Kansas State
Nov. 13	Oklahoma State
Nov. 20	Florida Atlantic
Nov. 25	Texas A&M
	#Dallas, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (13-1, 8-0)

Sept. 5	UL-Monroe	W	59-20
Sept. 12	at Wyoming	W	41-10
Sept. 19	Texas Tech	W	34-24
Sept. 26	UTEP	W	64-7
Oct. 10	Colorado	W	38-14
Oct. 17	vs. Oklahoma (Dallas)	W	16-13
Oct. 24	at Missouri	W	41-7
Oct. 31	at Oklahoma State	W	41-14
Nov. 7	UCF	W	35-3
Nov. 14	at Baylor	W	47-14
Nov. 21	Kansas	W	51-20
Nov. 26	at Texas A&M	W	49-39
Dec. 5	vs. Nebraska (Arlington)	W	13-12
Jan. 7	#Alabama	L	21-37
	#BCS Championship		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	39.3 ppg	1	3	
Rushing	147.6 ypg	5	61	
Passing	273.6 ypg	6	22	
Total	421.2 ypg	5	29	
	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	16.7 ppg	3	12	
Rushing	72.4 ypg	1	1	
Passing	179.6 ypg	2	19	
Total	251.9 ypg	1	3	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	+9	+0.64	1	15

HEAD COACH: MACK BROWN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 128-27 (12 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 214-101-1 (26 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GREG DAVIS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WILL MUSCHAMP



**OFFENSE** Texas A&M hasn't finished a season ranked in the final Top 25 polls since 1999. But this current offense might be spectacular enough to return the Aggies to a nationally elite status even with a questionable defense.

After shattering numerous school records in 2009, strong-armed quarterback Jerrod Johnson enters 2010 as a legitimate candidate to become the first A&M quarterback to earn first-team all-conference honors since Bucky Richardson in 1991. He certainly has plenty of weapons at his disposal to help rewrite the school's record books.

The explosive and powerful Christine Michael earned Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year honors last year after leading the team with 844 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. Depth is also a big benefit in the backfield; exceptionally strong junior Cyrus Gray returns after rushing for 757 yards.

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Texas A&M ranked 105th out of 120 FBS teams in total defense in 2009. The Aggies allowed 426.3 yards per game, last in the Big 12.

A&M's receiving corps might be one of the Big 12's best. The physically imposing Jeff Fuller is a potential All-America candidate because of his great hands and the toughness to go across the middle. Fuller torched Texas for 132 receiving yards and three TDs. Uzoma Nwachukwu and Brandal Jackson are big-play threats, while sophomore wide receiver Ryan Swope and tight end Hutson Prioleau were extremely impressive in the spring.

With the loss of three starters from last year, the Aggies will be younger and less experienced on the offensive line, but they will also be more talented with players such as sophomore Patrick Lewis and prized recruits Luke Joeckel and Jake Matthews now in the fold.

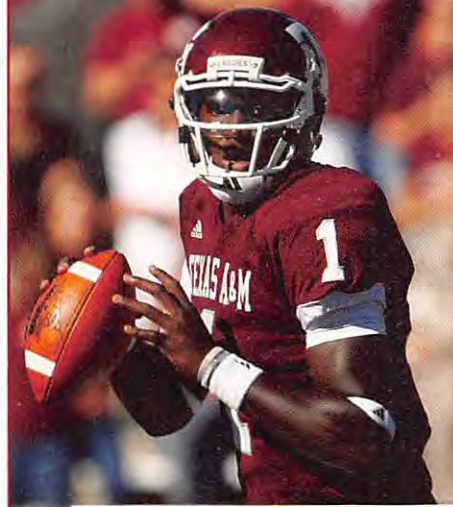
**DEFENSE** The playmaker and undeniable leader is outside linebacker Von Miller, who led the nation in sacks last year and has a legitimate chance to be the first Aggie defender since Dat Nguyen in 1998 to be chosen as the league's premier defensive player.

Texas A&M does not appear to be blessed with an abundance of menacing defensive linemen. Fortunately for the Aggies, they don't need many in coordinator Tim DeRuyter's 3-4 alignment. Any combination of Lucas Patterson, Eddie Brown, Tony Jerod-Eddie and Spencer Nealy will give A&M a solid defensive front. Meanwhile, inside linebackers Garrick Williams and Michael Hodges made major strides in the spring, and the other outside linebackers, Sean Porter and Jonathan Stewart, should benefit from the attention opponents pay to Miller.

Junior safety Trent Hunter returns as the leader of a secondary that should be dramatically improved over last year, when A&M ranked last in the Big 12 in pass defense. Both Terrence Frederick and Dustin Harris are solid coverage cornerbacks, and junior Lionel Smith thrust himself into the starting picture with a sensational spring.

**SPECIALISTS** The Aggies finished 10th or worse in the Big 12 last season in punt return average, punting and kickoff coverage. But the units were not without their bright spots. Kicker Randy Bullock evolved into a steady performer, and Gray and Swope were dangerous return men.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** If A&M can be solid defensively — not spectacular, just solid — the Aggies could make a serious push toward a return to the top of the Big 12 standings and an attractive bowl destination. An offense that finished fifth in the nation in yards per game should be even better. And with virtually everyone back on defense, the Aggies could be a dark horse in the Big 12 South title race.



JERROD JOHNSON

### THE QUOTE

"Tim DeRuyter (from Air Force) was a really nice hire as defensive coordinator, and his 3-4 scheme is going to be a lot more aggressive. Texas A&M was too passive and waited to react on defense last season. You can't stand around and wait in this league."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	8 Jeff Fuller (Jr.)	84 Brandal Jackson (So.)
WR	11 Terrence McCoy (Sr.)	7 Uzoma Nwachukwu (So.)
WR	25 Ryan Swope (So.)	81 Kenric McNeal (So.)
LT	Luke Joeckel (Fr.)	62 Jeffrey Hyde (So.)
LG	65 Evan Eike (Jr.)	71 Brian Thomas (So.)
C	70 Matt Allen (Sr.)	55 Danny Baker (Jr.)
RG	61 Patrick Lewis (So.)	70 Matt Allen (Sr.)
RT	Jake Matthews (Fr.)	73 Rhontae Scales (Fr.)
TE	80 Hutson Prioleau (Fr.)	15 Kenny Brown (Sr.)
QB	1 Jerrod Johnson (Sr.)	17 Ryan Tannehill (Jr.)
TB	33 Christine Michael (So.)	32 Cyrus Gray (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (10)

DE	99 Spencer Nealy (So.)	64 Stephen Barrera (So.)
DT	77 Lucas Patterson (Sr.)	19 Eddie Brown (Jr.)
DE	83 Tony Jerod-Eddie (Jr.)	42 Kirby Ennis (So.)
OLB	40 Von Miller (Sr.)	11 Jonathan Stewart (So.)
ILB	37 Michael Hodges (Sr.)	18 Kyle Mangan (So.)
ILB	8 Garrick Williams (Jr.)	43 Aaron Arterburn (So.)
OLB	10 Sean Porter (So.)	9 Charlie Thomas (Fr.)
CB	22 Dustin Harris (So.)	3 Lionel Smith (Jr.)
CB	7 Terrence Frederick (Jr.)	4 Coryell Judie (Jr.)
SS	1 Trent Hunter (Jr.)	26 Colton Valencia (So.)
FS	23 Steven Terrell (So.)	16 Steven Campbell (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	28 Randy Bullock (Jr.)	KR	25 Ryan Swope (So.)
P	48 Ryan Epperson (So.)	PR	22 Dustin Harris (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jerrod Johnson, 497-296-3,579-8, 30 TDs

Rushing: Christine Michael, 166 car., 844 yds., 10 TDs

Receiving: Ryan Tannehill, 46 rec., 609 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Trent Hunter, 95, 58 solo

Sacks: Von Miller, 17

Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Stephen F. Austin
Sept. 11	Louisiana Tech
Sept. 18	FIU
Sept. 30	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 9	#Arkansas
Oct. 16	Missouri
Oct. 23	at Kansas
Oct. 30	Texas Tech
Nov. 6	Oklahoma
Nov. 13	at Baylor
Nov. 20	Nebraska
Nov. 25	at Texas
	#Arlington, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (6-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	New Mexico	W	41-6
Sept. 19	Utah State	W	38-30
Sept. 26	UAB	W	56-19
Oct. 3	Arkansas (Arlington)	L	19-47
Oct. 10	Oklahoma State	L	31-36
Oct. 17	at Kansas State	L	14-62
Oct. 24	at Texas Tech	W	52-30
Oct. 31	Iowa State	W	35-10
Nov. 7	at Colorado	L	34-35
Nov. 14	at Oklahoma	L	10-65
Nov. 21	Baylor	W	38-3
Nov. 26	Texas	L	39-49
Dec. 28	#Georgia	L	20-44
	#Independence Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	32.9 ppg	3	19
Rushing	184.2 ypg	2	30
Passing	281.6 ypg	5	16
Total	465.8 ypg	2	5

Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	33.5 ppg	12	105
Rushing	171.6 ypg	11	90
Passing	254.7 ypg	12	106
Total	426.3 ypg	12	105

TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
-2	-0.15	8	70

HEAD COACH: MIKE SHERMAN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 10-15 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 10-15 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE SHERMAN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TIM DERUYTER





# TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK, TEXAS JONES AT&T STADIUM (59,011)

## RED RAIDERS

**OFFENSE** New coach Tommy Tuberville has to feel like he's being tested. He's having to win over fans who are still loyal to former coach Mike Leach, including a vocal group known as Team Leach. And Tuberville lost his top two quarterbacks halfway through spring drills. Steven Sheffield, who helped pull off an upset at Nebraska last season as well as a comeback victory over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl, re-injured a foot he broke against the Cornhuskers and had to have surgery.

Taylor Potts, who helped the Red Raiders rout Oklahoma last season, tore the webbing on his throwing hand and missed the final two weeks of spring. Both will be back for fall camp, and Tuberville indicates that Sheffield is in the lead for the job.

There is talent and depth at running back, led by senior Baron Batch, last year's leading rusher (884 yards and 14 TDs), and sophomore Eric Stephens, who has drawn praise from Tuberville.

**DEFENSE** Tuberville, a defensive coach, is going to earn every penny of his five-year, \$8.6 million contract trying to assemble a front seven in a new 3-4 defense after losing the top six defensive linemen from last year. "Defensively, there's obviously some concerns because the defense just hasn't been that good around here. It's been sporadic, but it hasn't been consistent," Tuberville says. "It all starts with one thing. If you want to have a chance to win championships, you better have defensive linemen. That's the area we've got to improve."

One of the biggest experiments has been moving Brian Duncan, the team's middle linebacker and leading tackler the past two seasons, to the hybrid Buck position. The strength of the defense is nosetackle Colby Whitlock, linebacker Bront Bird and a secondary that returns three of four starters.

**SPECIALISTS** Matt Williams, who won a field goal kicking contest during a Tech game as a student out of the stands two years ago and then walked on, is now the primary kicker. Williams was 11-of-14 on field goals in 2009. Also returning is sophomore punter Ryan Erxleben, who averaged 40.8 yards per punt last season.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The team seemed to play with more of a spark when Sheffield was the quarterback in 2009, but they call him "Sticks" for a reason. He's so wiry that it's been hard for him to stay healthy. If Sheffield can stay on the field this season, Tech is probably an eight- or nine-win team with an outside shot to do better than that. The offense has to figure things out on the right side of the line, but the skill talent is among the best in the league. The big issues are up front on defense. Missed tackles were a problem in the spring. Whitlock, Duncan and cornerback LaRon Moore will all have to be leaders for a defense in total transition.

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BIG 12 SOUTH PREDICTION

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BARON BATCH

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Texas Tech has been first, second or third in passing nationally for each of the last eight seasons, finishing first six times. That's likely to change as Tommy Tuberville seeks to run it more.

Tech's top five receivers from last season return, led by sophomore Alex Torres (67 catches for 806 yards) and senior Detron Lewis (65 catches for 844 yards).

The big questions are whether Tech can replace the right side of the offensive line and whether everyone can adapt to a different spread passing attack under new offensive coordinator Neal Brown. Tuberville is giving the spread another try after an ill-fated flirtation at Auburn. Brown is a disciple of Tony Franklin, whom Tuberville fired as offensive coordinator six games into a 5-7 season at Auburn in 2008 — Tuberville's last season coaching the Tigers.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	SMU
Sept. 11	at New Mexico
Sept. 18	Texas
Oct. 2	at Iowa State
Oct. 9	#Baylor
Oct. 16	Oklahoma State
Oct. 23	at Colorado
Oct. 30	at Texas A&M
Nov. 6	Missouri
Nov. 13	at Oklahoma
Nov. 20	Weber State
Nov. 27	Houston
	#Dallas, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 5-3)

Sept. 5	North Dakota	W	38-13
Sept. 12	Rice	W	55-10
Sept. 19	at Texas	L	24-34
Sept. 26	at Houston	L	28-29
Oct. 3	New Mexico	W	48-28
Oct. 10	Kansas State	W	66-14
Oct. 17	at Nebraska	W	31-10
Oct. 24	Texas A&M	L	30-52
Oct. 31	Kansas	W	42-21
Nov. 14	at Oklahoma State	L	17-24
Nov. 21	Oklahoma	W	41-13
Nov. 28	vs. Baylor (Arlington)	W	20-13
Jan. 2	#Michigan State	W	41-31
	#Alamo Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	37.0 ppg	2	7	
Rushing	84.0 ypg	12	115	
Passing	386.8 ypg	1	2	
Total	470.8 ypg	1	4	
	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	22.5 ppg	6	41	
Rushing	126.8 ypg	7	38	
Passing	225.6 ypg	5	73	
Total	352.4 ypg	6	49	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	-6	-0.46	11	94

### THE QUOTE

"I know one thing: Texas Tech is going to finally play defense. As good as Mike (Leach's) offenses were there, the defense was never going to win games for them."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

X	19 Lyle Leong (Sr.)	18 Eric Ward (Fr.)
H	11 Tramain Swindall (Jr.)	2 Cornelius Douglas (So.)
Y	17 Detron Lewis (Sr.)	6 Austin Zouzalik (So.)
Z	86 Alex Torres (So.)	8 Jacoby Franks (Jr.)
LT	68 Terry McDaniel (So.)	74 Mickey Okafor (Jr.)
LG	78 Lonnie Edwards (Jr.)	71 Kyle Clark (Fr.)
C	70 Chris Olson (Sr.)	73 Justin Keown (Sr.)
RG	66 Deveric Gallington (So.)	59 Joel Gray (Fr.)
RT	65 LaAdrian Waddle (So.)	74 Mickey Okafor (Jr.)
QB	1 Steven Sheffield (Sr.)	12 Taylor Potts (Sr.)
RB	25 Baron Batch (Sr.)	24 Eric Stephens (So.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	82 Kerry Hyder (Fr.)	Scott Smith (Jr.)
NG	93 Colby Whitlock (Sr.)	47 Myles Wade (Jr.)
DT	5 Donald Langley (Jr.)	99 Chris Perry (Jr.)
BUCK	57 Brian Duncan (Sr.)	89 Aundrey Barr (Fr.)
WLB	13 Julius Howard (Sr.)	42 Daniel Cobb (Fr.)
MLB	20 Bront Bird (Sr.)	45 Tyrone Sonier (Jr.)
ILB	41 Sam Fehoko (Jr.)	19 Brandon Mahoney (Fr.)
CB	28 LaRon Moore (Sr.)	36 Jarvis Phillips (Fr.)
CB	7 Will Ford (So.)	12 D.J. Johnson (So.)
SS	26 Franklin Mitchem (Sr.)	1 Terrance Bullitt (Fr.)
FS	16 Cody Davis (So.)	30 Brett Dewhurst (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	85 Matt Williams (Sr.)	KR	24 Eric Stephens (So.)
P	43 Ryan Erxleben (So.)	PR	6 Austin Zouzalik (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Taylor Potts, 470-309-3,440-13, 22 TDs  
Rushing: Baron Batch, 168 car, 884 yds., 14 TDs  
Receiving: Alex Torres, 67 rec., 806 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Brian Duncan, 88, 66 solo

Sacks: Colby Whitlock, 3

Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

HEAD COACH: TOMMY TUBERVILLE RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 110-60 (14 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NEAL BROWN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAMES WILLIS





BOULDER, COLO. FOLSOM FIELD (53,750)

**OFFENSE** Every fall during Dan Hawkins' tenure, the offense has tried to establish itself, and the results have usually been bad. Coming off another year in which it was last in the Big 12 in yards, the offense returns its two leading passers, its leading rusher, its two leading receivers and every offensive lineman who made a start. If it's ever going to get its act together, now's the time.

While coaches wouldn't completely show their hand in the spring, it seems clear they'll throw first, and probably throw second, too. Running back depth after starter Rodney Stewart is inexperienced and thin, and wide receiver, with the return of Scotty McKnight and Marques Simas, plus the addition of Michigan transfer Toney Clemons, is stocked.

# 44

Colorado allowed 44 sacks in 2009, the most in the Big 12. No other team in the league allowed more than 33.

Junior Tyler Hansen and senior Cody Hawkins will wage a battle for the quarterback job in fall camp. Hansen replaced Hawkins in the fifth game last year because, among other reasons, he was better-equipped to scramble for his life behind an offensive line that struggled. Colorado allowed 44 sacks and averaged 2.8 yards per carry, both the Big 12's worst figures in 2009. Hansen can make plays with his feet, so he's the favorite. But don't count Hawkins out.

**DEFENSE** There's strength at cornerback, where fifth-year seniors Jimmy Smith and Jalil Brown return after earning honorable mention all-conference nods in 2009. The defensive line is deep and growing. The linebackers need more experience, but there's talent.

Depth is a concern, especially in the secondary. If Smith or Brown goes down,

opponents will have an obvious spot to attack. The reserve cornerbacks are freshmen, and the nickelback, which will play a lot, might be a freshman, too.

The back seven will be physical, but will it be fast enough? That remains to be seen.

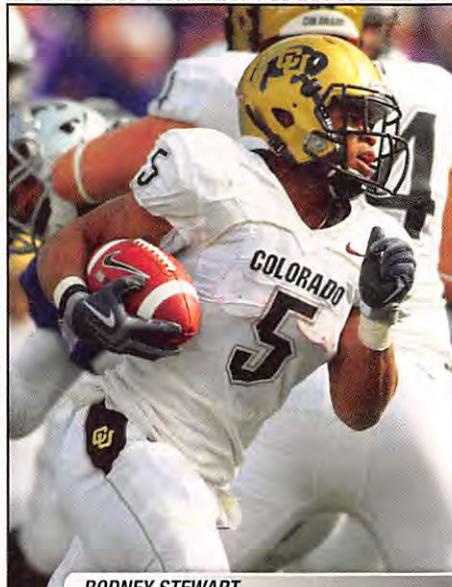
**SPECIALISTS** The punting game was the Big 12's worst in 2009. Redshirt freshman punter Zach Grossnickle will need to be consistent to retain the job and appease fans who wonder why the program struggles so badly in an area where it used to excel. Colorado totaled 100 punt return yards on 30 tries a year ago. Coaches value ball-handling in returners, but that figure was embarrassing, and several Buffaloes took shots at returning punts in spring drills.

Kicker Aric Goodman missed his final four field goals in 2009 to finish 10-of-18, a disappointing conclusion after a strong start. Like Grossnickle, Goodman must be more consistent.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** A 3-9 meltdown in 2009 left fans clamoring for a coaching change, and it should have everyone on notice entering this fall. There is talent and experience in this program. But before Colorado can come anywhere near the success Hawkins envisioned upon his hiring, the Buffs must resolve several issues. Decrease penalties. Improve turnover margin. Fix the special teams. Score more points. Find depth, especially in the secondary and at tailback. And win on the road.

Colorado has lost its past 12 regular season road games, and this fall's trips to California, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska won't be easy. If those woes continue, Colorado's prospects for a winning season and a bowl appearance will be thin.

With so much experience in place, improvement is expected. But to have the kind of season that'll please an angry fan base, that improvement has to be significant.



RODNEY STEWART

### THE QUOTE

"It's obviously a make-it-or-break-it year for Dan Hawkins. I really thought he would do a better job at Colorado, but the Buffaloes just haven't gotten any better."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	21	Scotty McKnight (Sr.)	15	Jason Espinoza (Jr.)
WR	6	Markques Simas (Jr.)	80	Will Jefferson (So.)
WR	17	Toney Clemons (Jr.)	35	Kyle Cefalo (Jr.)
LT	78	Nate Solder (Sr.)	53	Ryan Dannewitz (So.)
LG	63	Ethan Adkins (Jr.)	70	Eric Richter (Jr.)
C	56	Keenan Stevens (Sr.)	64	Mike Iltis (Jr.)
RG	73	Ryan Miller (Jr.)	66	Blake Behrens (Jr.)
RT	77	Bryce Givens (So.)	75	Jack Harris (Fr.)
TE	34	Ryan Deehan (Jr.)	85	DaVaughn Thornton (Fr.)
QB	9	Tyler Hansen (Jr.)	7	Cody Hawkins (Sr.)
RB	5	Rodney Stewart (Jr.)	20	Brian Lockridge (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	90	Marquez Herrod (Sr.)	44	Nick Kasa (So.)
DT	83	Will Pericak (So.)	94	Nate Bonsu (So.)
NT	50	Curtis Cunningham (Jr.)	98	Eugene Goree (Jr.)
LB	31	Jon Major (So.)	12	Patrick Mahnke (Jr.)
LB	10	Michael Sipili (Sr.)	56	Derrick Webb (Fr.)
LB	59	B.J. Beatty (Sr.)	58	Tyler Ahles (Jr.)
CB	3	Jimmy Smith (Sr.)	25	Deji Olatoye (Fr.)
CB	23	Jalil Brown (Sr.)	32	Paul Vigo (Fr.)
SS	46	Anthony Perkins (Jr.)	27	Vince Ewing (So.)
FS	26	Ray Polk (So.)	22	Arthur Jaffee (Jr.)
NB	30	Parker Orms (Fr.)	19	Travis Sandersfeld (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	13	Aric Goodman (Sr.)	KR	20	Brian Lockridge (Jr.)
P	15	Zach Grossnickle (Fr.)	PR	15	Jason Espinoza (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tyler Hansen, 231-129-1,440-7, 8 TDs  
 Rushing: Rodney Stewart, 198 car., 804 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Scotty McKnight, 76 rec., 893 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Anthony Perkins, 78, 48 solo  
 Sacks: Marquez Herrod, 6  
 Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#Colorado State
Sept. 11	at California
Sept. 18	Hawaii
Oct. 2	Georgia
Oct. 9	at Missouri
Oct. 16	Baylor
Oct. 23	Texas Tech
Oct. 30	at Oklahoma
Nov. 6	at Kansas
Nov. 13	Iowa State
Nov. 20	Kansas State
Nov. 26	at Nebraska
	#Denver

### 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 2-6)

Sept. 6	Colorado State	L	17-23
Sept. 11	at Toledo	L	38-54
Sept. 19	Wyoming	W	24-0
Oct. 1	at West Virginia	L	24-35
Oct. 10	at Texas	L	14-38
Oct. 17	Kansas	W	34-30
Oct. 24	at Kansas State	L	6-20
Oct. 31	Missouri	L	17-36
Nov. 7	Texas A&M	W	35-34
Nov. 14	at Iowa State	L	10-17
Nov. 19	at Oklahoma State	L	28-31
Nov. 27	Nebraska	L	20-28

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	22.3 ppg	10	92	
Rushing	87.9 ypg	11	113	
Passing	226.4 ypg	8	45	
Total	314.3 ypg	12	104	

	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	28.8 ppg	11	88	
Rushing	161.2 ypg	9	80	
Passing	201.8 ypg	4	34	
Total	363.0 ypg	7	57	

	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	-6	-0.50	12	97

HEAD COACH: DAN HAWKINS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 16-33 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 108-56-1 (14 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ERIC KIESAU DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: RON COLLINS



AMES, IOWA JACK TRICE STADIUM (55,000)

**OFFENSE** Year 2 in the spread offense should be much smoother, especially with mostly the same cast returning. Quarterback Austen Arnaud was much improved during spring workouts, and coaches say tailback Alexander Robinson is quicker and more than ready to equal the workload he carried a year ago in totaling 1,456 yards from scrimmage and nine touchdowns.

Both players will be working behind most of the same offensive linemen who protected them so well and opened running lanes. Several players are candidates to be Robinson's backup, none of whom has much experience. Someone to keep an eye on: talented incoming freshman Shontrelle Johnson, who will be given every chance to earn playing time.

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Iowa State improved its win total by five games from 2008 to '09, tying with Washington for the biggest jump among BCS conference schools.

Receiver is one of the team's deepest positions. Juniors Darius Darks, Sedrick Johnson and Darius Reynolds all are coming off subpar or injury-shortened seasons and are eager to make up for their inactivity. Jake Williams emerged as a dependable pass-catcher with Johnson out and will be a key figure in the offense as a senior.

**DEFENSE** There's a lot to figure out on this side of the ball, primarily in the front seven with three new starting linebackers and a defensive line that has not been together very long. The Cyclones are replacing the Big 12's leading tackler, linebacker Jesse Smith, with the combination of promising sophomores Jake Knott and A.J. Klein and transfer Matt Tau'fo'ou, who redshirted a year ago. Defensive end Rashawn Parker is back from a knee injury that put him out for almost all of last season.

His return is a huge plus for a line without established playmakers. Jake McDonough is a promising young player but will need some polishing in his first year as a regular.

The secondary is pretty well set with a recharged Leonard Johnson entering his third season as a starter and seniors David Sims, last year's Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year, and Mike O'Connell at the safety spots. Junior Ter'ran Benton will fit in somewhere, either at cornerback or as a fifth defensive back in place of one of the linebackers.

**SPECIALISTS** The Cyclones are trading a senior for a freshman at punter with in-state product Kirby Van Der Kamp taking over for four-year starter Mike Brandtner. Grant Mahoney has a strong leg but has struggled with accuracy on his field goal tries, going 13-of-20 last season. He needs better results for this team to be successful. Same goes for the return game, which barely got off the ground last season. The same cast should be back fielding kickoffs and punts. Josh Lenz emerged during his true freshman season as someone who could break off some big runs.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** This team will go as far as its defense takes it. If the youth isn't ready and playmakers don't develop in the front seven, this could be a long year for the Cyclones, who look like they have an offense that can compete in the Big 12 with a veteran quarterback, running back and offensive line. ISU averaged only 20.5 points a year ago, 103rd nationally, and that number needs to improve. Robinson will be the workhorse again, as he should be.

The defense, minus seven starters, needs to cut down on the yards allowed and stiffen before opponents hit the red zone.

The schedule takes a major step up with Texas, Oklahoma and Texas Tech on from the South and non-conference games against bowl teams Iowa, Utah and Northern Illinois. Getting back to a bowl will be a serious challenge.

NATIONAL FORECAST **76**  
BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION **6**

AUSTEN ARNAUD

## THE QUOTE

"You're not going to get a lot of flash from Paul Rhoads, but his teams are surprisingly solid and they don't make many mistakes. He's just a good football coach who is at a place that can be tough to win at."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

## OFFENSE (8)

WR	7 Darius Reynolds (Jr.)	2 Sedrick Johnson (Jr.)
WR	83 Jake Williams (Sr.)	Albert Gary (Fr.)
WR	6 Darius Darks (Jr.)	19 Josh Lenz (So.)
LT	72 Kelechi Osemele (Jr.)	69 Kyle Lichtenberg (Fr.)
LG	77 Alex Alvarez (Sr.)	75 Hayworth Hicks (Jr.)
C	63 Ben Lamaak (Sr.)	50 Sean Smith (Sr.)
RG	51 Scott Houghton (Jr.)	70 Drew Davis (So.)
RT	79 Brayden Burris (So.)	76 Zack Spears (Jr.)
TE	88 Collin Franklin (Sr.)	86 Kurt Hammerschmidt (So.)
QB	4 Austen Arnaud (Sr.)	11 Jerome Tiller (So.)
RB	33 Alexander Robinson (Sr.)	32 Jeff Woody (Fr.)

## DEFENSE (4)

DE	29 Rashawn Parker (Sr.)	38 Roosevelt Maggitt (So.)
DT	94 Jake McDonough (So.)	96 Austin Alburts (Sr.)
NG	85 Bailey Johnson (Jr.)	97 Stephen Ruempolhamer (Jr.)
DE	91 Patrick Neal (Jr.)	90 Cleyon Laing (So.)
OLB	20 Jake Knott (So.)	48 Jacob Lattimer (Jr.)
MLB	47 A.J. Klein (So.)	45 Matt Tau'fo'ou (Jr.)
OLB	45 Matt Tau'fo'ou (Jr.)	44 Kevin Hamlin (So.)
CB	23 Leonard Johnson (Jr.)	22 Ter'ran Benton (Jr.)
CB	4 Anthony Young (Jr.)	5 Jeremy Reeves (So.)
SS	1 David Sims (Sr.)	3 Zac Sandvig (Sr.)
FS	47 Michael O'Connell (Sr.)	17 Earl Brooks (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	21 Grant Mahoney (Jr.)	KR	23 Leonard Johnson (Jr.)
P	Kirby Van Der Kamp (Fr.)	PR	19 Josh Lenz (So.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Austen Arnaud, 303-178-2,015-13, 14 TDs

Rushing: Alexander Robinson, 232 car., 1,195 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Jake Williams, 36 rec., 403 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: David Sims, 88, 44 solo

Sacks: Two players tied with 2

Interceptions: David Sims, 5 for 79 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Northern Illinois
Sept. 11	at Iowa
Sept. 18	#Kansas State
Sept. 25	Northern Iowa
Oct. 2	Texas Tech
Oct. 9	Utah
Oct. 16	at Oklahoma
Oct. 23	at Texas
Oct. 30	Kansas
Nov. 6	Nebraska
Nov. 13	at Colorado
Nov. 20	Missouri
	#Kansas City

## 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 3-5)

Sept. 3	North Dakota State	W	34-17
Sept. 12	Iowa	L	3-35
Sept. 19	at Kent State	W	34-14
Sept. 26	Army	W	31-10
Oct. 3	Kansas State (Kansas City)	L	23-24
Oct. 10	at Kansas	L	36-41
Oct. 17	Baylor	W	24-10
Oct. 24	at Nebraska	W	9-7
Oct. 31	at Texas A&M	L	10-35
Nov. 7	Oklahoma State	L	8-34
Nov. 14	Colorado	W	17-10
Nov. 21	at Missouri	L	24-34
Dec. 31	#Minnesota	W	14-13
	#Insight Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	20.5 ppg	12	103
Rushing	180.0 ypg	3	35
Passing	184.7 ypg	9	94
Total	364.7 ypg	8	73

Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	21.9 ppg	5	34
Rushing	165.7 ypg	10	86
Passing	250.2 ypg	10	102
Total	415.9 ypg	11	99

TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: PAUL RHOADS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 7-6 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 7-6 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TOM HERMAN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WALLY BURNHAM





# KANSAS

## JAYHAWKS

LAWRENCE, KAN. MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,071)

**OFFENSE** For the first time since 2007, Kansas heads into fall camp without a clear starting quarterback. The competition to replace the record-setting Todd Reesing has come down to sophomore Kale Pick and redshirt freshman Jordan Webb. Neither has much experience, of course, although Pick took a few meaningful snaps last season when former coach Mark Mangino controversially benched Reesing in the fourth quarter of a loss at Texas Tech. For the year, Pick was 4-for-5 for 22 yards and rushed for 167 yards on 14 attempts; he enters fall camp with a clear edge.

Pick is trying to shed the notion that he is primarily a running quarterback, and the Jayhawks will need him to prove himself in the passing game behind an offensive line that returns all five starters but allowed 33 sacks and opened the way for only 3.5 yards per rush attempt for Kansas last season.

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Kansas ended the 2009 season on a seven-game losing streak. It's the longest in-season skid since 2002, when Mark Mangino's first year at KU ended with seven straight losses.

Though new coach Turner Gill favors multiple offensive looks, the Jayhawks might fare best just running the spread again. Kansas has talent and depth at receiver, led by Bradley McDougald, Johnathan Wilson and electrifying slot receiver Daymond Patterson, who is back on offense after spending the last year and a half as a cornerback.

Two bruisers, Angus Quigley and Toben Oporum, will lead the rushing attack. Oporum led KU with 554 yards (on a 4.2 average) as a true freshman last season.

**DEFENSE** Strange as it sounds for a team that ranked 76th in the nation in total defense last season, that side of the ball gives Kansas fans more reasons to be optimistic than the offense

does. KU has recruited well in the secondary over the past three years, and has eight cornerbacks competing for the two jobs. Senior Chris Harris is a three-year starter at corner and will probably win one of the spots. But the rest of the secondary is wide open.

Kansas isn't particularly strong up the middle, but defensive ends Jake Laptad, Quintin Woods and Kevin Young combine proven ability with upside Kansas hasn't had at that position in years. Woods was a one-time Michigan commitment and Young was a Nebraska pledge. Neither played much last season — Young redshirted — but both had two sacks in KU's spring game.

Gill has said linebackers Steven Johnson and Justin Springer stood out during spring practice, and along with Drew Dudley, KU's No. 2 tackler last year, they anchor a linebacking corps that is largely unproven.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker Jacob Branstetter doesn't have a particularly strong leg — yet, out of nowhere, he made a 57-yarder against Oklahoma last year, tied for the fourth-longest in KU history. Punter Alonso Rojas might have been considered KU's best defensive player at times last season. He had eight punts of more than 50 yards.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** A rigorous non-conference schedule will force KU's young offense to grow up in a hurry. If the defense can play well enough to buy some time for the offense — which is breaking in a new quarterback and several new receivers in an all-new scheme — the Jayhawks could challenge for a bowl game, which would be a huge achievement in Gill's first season. This, however, is a defense that last year ranked 76th in the nation and lost its best player.

Offensive line play was an issue last year, and if Kansas can't average better than 3.5 yards per rush attempt, it's hard to imagine that the Jayhawks will score many points.

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

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TOBEN OPURUM

### THE QUOTE

I think Turner Gill's ties to the region will help him at Kansas, but I wouldn't be looking for overnight success. There really isn't enough talent left in the cupboard."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	24 Bradley McDougald (So.)	85 Rod Harris (Jr.)
WR	81 Johnathan Wilson (Sr.)	83 Chris Omigie (Fr.)
WR	15 Daymond Patterson (Jr.)	20 D.J. Beshears (So.)
LT	72 Tanner Hawkinson (So.)	74 Jeff Spikes (Jr.)
LG	59 Sal Capra (Sr.)	67 Duane Zlatnik (So.)
C	77 Jeremiah Hatch (Jr.)	76 Brad Thorson (Sr.)
RG	69 Trevor Marrongelli (So.)	68 Carl Wilson (Sr.)
RT	76 Brad Thorson (Sr.)	74 Jeff Spikes (Jr.)
TE	86 Tim Biere (Jr.)	11 AJ Steward (Jr.)
QB	7 Kale Pick (So.)	2 Jordan Webb (Fr.)
RB	22 Angus Quigley (Sr.)	35 Toben Oporum (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	91 Jake Laptad (Sr.)	75 Travis Stephens (Jr.)
DT	99 Jamal Greene (Sr.)	97 Richard Johnson Jr. (Jr.)
DT	71 John Williams (So.)	55 Darius Parish (So.)
DE	93 Quintin Woods (Sr.)	54 Kevin Young (Fr.)
LB	49 Drew Dudley (Sr.)	34 Hulton Tharp (So.)
LB	45 Justin Springer (Sr.)	57 Chea Peterman (Jr.)
LB	52 Steven Johnson (Jr.)	51 Dakota Lewis (Sr.)
CB	16 Chris Harris (Sr.)	19 Isiah Barfield (Jr.)
CB	17 Calvin Rubles (Sr.)	30 Anthony Davis (Jr.)
SS	13 Lubbock Smith (So.)	4 Prinz Kande (Fr.)
FS	26 Phillip Strozier (Sr.)	44 Olaitan Ogundodu (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	14 Jacob Branstetter (Sr.)	KR	36 Deshaun Sands (Fr.)
P	18 Alonso Rojas (Sr.)	PR	15 Daymond Patterson (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kale Pick, 5-4-22-0, 0 TD  
 Rushing: Toben Oporum, 133 car., 554 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Johnathan Wilson, 35 rec., 449 yds., 0 TD  
 Tackles: Drew Dudley, 88, 48 solo  
 Sacks: Jake Laptad, 6.5  
 Interceptions: Ryan Murphy, 2 for 0 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	North Dakota State
Sept. 11	Georgia Tech
Sept. 17	at Southern Miss
Sept. 25	New Mexico State
Oct. 2	at Baylor
Oct. 16	Kansas State
Oct. 23	Texas A&M
Oct. 30	at Iowa State
Nov. 6	Colorado
Nov. 13	at Nebraska
Nov. 20	Oklahoma State
Nov. 27	#Missouri
	#Kansas City, MO

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 1-7)

Sept. 5	Northern Colorado	W	49-3
Sept. 12	at UTEP	W	34-7
Sept. 19	Duke	W	44-16
Sept. 26	Southern Miss	W	35-28
Oct. 10	Iowa State	W	41-36
Oct. 17	at Colorado	L	30-34
Oct. 24	Oklahoma	L	13-35
Oct. 31	at Texas Tech	L	21-42
Nov. 7	at Kansas State	L	10-17
Nov. 14	Nebraska	L	17-31
Nov. 21	at Texas	L	20-51
Nov. 28	Missouri	L	39-41

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	29.4 ppg	5	42
Rushing	112.1 ypg	9	101
Passing	310.3 ypg	2	7
Total	422.4 ypg	4	25
Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	28.4 ppg	10	85
Rushing	138.3 ypg	8	56
Passing	245.0 ypg	9	96
Total	383.3 ypg	9	76
TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
-5	-0.42	9	87

HEAD COACH: TURNER GILL RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 20-30 (4 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: CHUCK LONG, DARRELL WYATT DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CARL TORBUSH





# KANSAS STATE

## WILDCATS

MANHATTAN, KAN. BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM (50,000)

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BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Behind standout senior running back Daniel Thomas, who rushed for 1,265 yards and 11 touchdowns last season, and an experienced offensive line, the Wildcats figure to be a run-oriented team for the second straight year. Last season, Thomas played through an injured shoulder and still managed to gain most of his yardage after initial contact. He is now healthy and ready to improve.

It is not yet known who will replace last year's starting quarterback, Grant Gregory — Carson Coffman has a slight edge on Sammuell Lamur and Collin Klein — but the winner could balance things with an improved passing game. The signal-caller will have three promising new receivers at his disposal in senior Aubrey Quarles, Minnesota transfer Brodrick Smith and Oregon transfer Chris Harper.

The Wildcats return four starters from a line that paved the way for 179.9 rushing yards per game last season, and all four are eager to build on that performance.

tackles a year ago and led the team with seven sacks.

Junior college transfer Adam Davis could also make an instant impact. Behind them will be a group of unproven linebackers, but coaches are optimistic about their options.

**SPECIALISTS** With Brandon Banks gone, who will return kicks? A year ago Banks returned four kickoffs for touchdowns, and at times he was the Wildcats' X-factor. Smith, Hartman and Thomas will compete for the kick return job. Senior Josh Cherry will handle kicking duties after a year in which he improved as the season went along. Ryan Doerr will be the starting punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Bill Snyder and his Kansas State football team surprised the doubters last season. The Wildcats came into the year predicted by many to finish near the bottom of the Big 12, but instead won enough games to play for a Big 12 North championship in the season finale at Nebraska. K-State lost that battle, and because two of its non-conference victories came against FCS opponents, its 6-6 record was not enough to qualify for a bowl game. Spending the postseason at home after coming so close to earning a spot in the Big 12 title game against Texas was rough on the Wildcats, and taking that final step to a 13th game is their No. 1 goal this time around.

With Snyder now in his second season in his return to the sideline, K-State will certainly know what it takes to make a successful run. At this time last season, players were still adapting to Snyder's demanding coaching style. Today, they know what he expects on a daily basis and are working hard within his system.

The schedule is more difficult, but six wins will do the trick for a bowl game this year. If K-State can develop a quarterback and keep its running game going, the Wildcats will have a chance at the postseason.



DANIEL THOMAS

### THE QUOTE

"It's amazing what a little coaching will do. The Wildcats were so much more fundamentally sound last season, which is what you would expect from a Bill Snyder-coached team."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	89 Aubrey Quarles (Sr.)	5 Brodrick Smith (So.)
WR	3 Chris Harper (So.)	87 Sheldon Smith (Sr.)
LT	70 Zach Hanson (Jr.)	78 Cornelius Lucas (Fr.)
LG	59 Zach Kendall (Sr.)	54 Trevor Viers (Sr.)
C	74 Wade Weibert (Sr.)	79 Keenan Taylor (Fr.)
RG	67 Kenneth Mayfield (Sr.)	77 Colten Freeze (Jr.)
RT	75 Clyde Aufner (Jr.)	71 Ethan Douglas (So.)
TE	80 Travis Tannahill (So.)	47 Gabe Gantz (Sr.)
QB	14 Carson Coffman (Sr.)	12 Collin Klein (So.)
FB	37 Braden Wilson (So.)	49 Lucas Hamm (Sr.)
RB	8 Daniel Thomas (Sr.)	DeMarcus Robinson (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	91 Brandon Harold (Jr.)	40 Antonio Felder (Sr.)
DT	46 Prizell Brown (Sr.)	94 Raphael Guidry (Jr.)
DT	99 Javonta Boyd (Jr.)	95 Ray Kibble (So.)
DE	Adam Davis (Jr.)	Laton Dowling (Jr.)
LB	56 Alex Hrebec (Jr.)	55 Kadero Terrell (Jr.)
LB	45 Kevin Rohleder (Sr.)	Tre Walker (Fr.)
LB	26 Jarell Childs (So.)	53 Blake Slaughter (So.)
CB	27 David Garrett (Jr.)	15 Darius Thomas (So.)
CB	8 Stephen Harrison (Sr.)	37 Terrance Sweeney (Sr.)
S	2 Tysyn Hartman (Jr.)	21 Troy Butler (Sr.)
S	23 Emmanuel Lamur (Jr.)	31 Torell Miller (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	19 Josh Cherry (Sr.)	KR	5 Brodrick Smith (So.)
P	9 Ryan Doerr (So.)	PR	41 William Powell (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Carson Coffman, 117-71-860-4, 2 TDs

Rushing: Daniel Thomas, 247 car., 1,265 yds., 11 TDs

Receiving: Daniel Thomas, 25 rec., 257 yds., 0 TD

Tackles: Emmanuel Lamur, 68, 44 solo

Sacks: Antonio Felder, 3

Interceptions: Tysyn Hartman, 5 for 54 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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K-State was a run-oriented team in 2009, and that showed in the way it scored touchdowns. The Wildcats threw only seven passing touchdowns, a woeful number compared to the 25 they allowed.

**DEFENSE** Thanks to the terrific lockdown play of safeties Tysyn Hartman and Emmanuel Lamur, K-State sported one of the most improved defenses in the Big 12 last season. Both are back and improved, but they will be without cornerback Joshua Moore and will need to mesh with a new supporting cast.

Brandon Harold, a former Freshman All-American who missed all but one game last season with an injury, is back and ready to lead the front line. That's terrific news for Wildcats fans, because K-State needs to find replacements for end Jeffrey Fitzgerald and tackle Daniel Calvin. Fitzgerald made 40

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	UCLA
Sept. 11	Missouri State
Sept. 18	#Iowa State
Sept. 25	UCF
Oct. 7	Nebraska
Oct. 16	at Kansas
Oct. 23	at Baylor
Oct. 30	Oklahoma State
Nov. 6	Texas
Nov. 13	at Missouri
Nov. 20	at Colorado
Nov. 27	at North Texas
	#Kansas City

### 2009 RESULTS (6-6, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Massachusetts	W	21-17
Sept. 12	at UL Lafayette	L	15-17
Sept. 19	at UCLA	L	9-23
Sept. 26	Tennessee Tech	W	49-7
Oct. 3	#Iowa State	W	24-23
Oct. 10	at Texas Tech	L	14-66
Oct. 17	Texas A&M	W	62-14
Oct. 24	Colorado	W	20-6
Oct. 31	at Oklahoma	L	30-42
Nov. 7	Kansas	W	17-10
Nov. 14	Missouri	L	12-38
Nov. 21	at Nebraska	L	3-17
	#Kansas City		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Natl
Scoring	23.0 ppg	9	87
Rushing	179.9 ypg	4	36
Passing	169.4 ypg	12	106
Total	349.3 ypg	9	80

Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Natl
Scoring	23.3 ppg	7	46
Rushing	105.4 ypg	5	16
Passing	234.5 ypg	7	83
Total	339.9 ypg	5	39

TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Natl
+7	+0.58	2	19

HEAD COACH: BILL SNYDER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 142-74-1 (18 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 142-74-1 (18 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: DANA DIMEL, DEL MILLER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHRIS COSH





COLUMBIA, MO. FAUROT FIELD/MEMORIAL STADIUM (71,004)

**OFFENSE** Blaine Gabbert displayed poise, polish and toughness during his first season as a starter. Completing 59 percent of his passes for 3,593 yards, 24 touchdowns and only nine interceptions, the 6'5", 240-pound junior appears on track to deliver on his prep promise as a former five-star recruit. Gabbert's health is imperative, however. Junior Jimmy Costello — a former walk-on — is the likely backup, with a redshirt freshman and two true freshmen behind him.

Running back Derrick Washington enters his third season as a starter, but the senior might end up sharing more carries out of the backfield with De'Vion Moore and Kendal Lawrence after his production dipped under 1,000 yards last year (865). With nearly 100 percent of its passing and rushing production back, Missouri needs to replace almost 67 percent of its receiving yardage in the absence of Gabbert's top two targets. Keep in mind the Tigers had to replace their top three pass-catchers and a quarterback in 2009, and things worked out pretty well. The return of the tight end as a receiving target could figure prominently in the passing production.

Four returning starters on the line — including two-year starters Tim Barnes and Elvis Fisher — should offer plenty of protection for Gabbert and more running lanes for the backs.

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Missouri has had five straight winning seasons, its longest such streak since the Warren Powers era, from 1978-82.

**DEFENSE** End Aldon Smith figures to be the focal point of this unit after collecting a school-record 11.5 sacks to claim unanimous Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year honors. End Jacques Smith (no relation) and tackle Dominique Hamilton are also back, but

reliable depth could be an issue on the line for a program that likes to use a steady rotation.

Despite the loss of two-time first-team All-Big 12 linebacker Sean Weatherspoon, the Tigers might possess the most quality depth at the position. Three players return with significant starting experience, but one — senior Luke Lambert — might be the odd man out of what looks like a solid starting rotation that could include Will Ebner, Andrew Gachkar and sophomore Zaviar Gooden, a former safety who posted a 4.37-second 40-yard dash during winter conditioning.

Three secondary starters are back, but this group wasn't especially productive last year, collecting only eight interceptions and ranking 104th in pass defense. Cornerback Kevin Rutland's two interceptions led the Tigers.

**SPECIALISTS** Grant Ressel won the kicking job a week before last year's season opener and went on to break the NCAA record for accuracy by making 65-of-66 kicks overall, including 26-of-27 field goals. Missouri hopes it can be as fortunate finding a new punter. Behind the departed Jake Harry's rugby-style punts, Missouri ranked fourth in the country in net punting with a 40.5-yard average. Missouri's top kick and punt returners are back, but there is plenty of room for improvement in both departments.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Improvement is expected from a squad returning 15 starters and several experienced backups. If Gabbert remains healthy and discovers a few new favorite targets, the offense shouldn't be a concern. The Tigers have to get more from their returning defenders, and perhaps some new faces. Another manageable non-conference schedule and games against Colorado and Texas A&M could have Missouri undefeated entering a homecoming date with Oklahoma. A visit to Nebraska the following weekend will tell if these Tigers are ready to contend for a Big 12 title.



BLAINE GABBERT

## THE QUOTE

"They have done a really good job of recruiting athleticism and speed. They are a fast, fast football team on both sides of the ball. That makes it really hard to prepare for them."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

## OFFENSE (8)

WR	29 Jerrell Jackson (Jr.)	28 T.J. Moe (So.)
WR	8 Wes Kemp (Jr.)	2 L'Damian Washington (Fr.)
WR	5 Rolandis Woodland (So.)	Marcus Lucas (Fr.)
LT	72 Elvis Fisher (Jr.)	75 Jack Meiners (So.)
LG	66 Austin Wuebblers (Jr.)	68 Justin Britt (Fr.)
C	62 Tim Barnes (Sr.)	53 Travis Ruth (So.)
RG	71 Jayson Palmgren (Jr.)	55 Daniel Jenkins (So.)
RT	77 Dan Hoch (Jr.)	73 Mark Hill (Fr.)
TE	87 Andrew Jones (Jr.)	82 Michael Egniew (Jr.)
QB	11 Blaine Gabbert (Jr.)	12 Jimmy Costello (Jr.)
TB	24 Derrick Washington (Sr.)	4 Kendal Lawrence (So.)

## DEFENSE (7)

DE	3 Jacques Smith (Jr.)	57 Brad Madison (So.)
DT	90 Dominique Hamilton (Jr.)	91 Jimmy Burge (So.)
DT	93 Terrell Resonno (Jr.)	99 George White (So.)
DE	85 Aldon Smith (So.)	18 Marcus Malbrough (So.)
LB	6 Andrew Gachkar (Sr.)	15 Donovan Bonner (So.)
LB	32 Will Ebner (Jr.)	33 Luke Lambert (Sr.)
LB	25 Zaviar Gooden (So.)	5 Josh Tatum (Jr.)
CB	20 Kevin Rutland (Sr.)	21 Trey Hobson (Jr.)
CB	19 Carl Gettis (Sr.)	1 Kip Edwards (So.)
SS	11 Jarrell Harrison (Sr.)	10 Tavon Bolden (Fr.)
FS	9 Jasper Simmons (Sr.)	13 Kenji Jackson (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	95 Grant Ressel (Jr.)	KR	9 Jasper Simmons (Sr.)
P	99 Matt Grabner (Sr.)	PR	19 Carl Gettis (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Blaine Gabbert, 445-262-3,593-9, 24 TDs  
Rushing: Derrick Washington, 190 car., 865 yds., 10 TDs  
Receiving: Jerrell Jackson, 37 rec., 458 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Andrew Gachkar, 80, 51 solo  
Sacks: Aldon Smith, 11.5  
Interceptions: Kevin Rutland, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Illinois (St. Louis)
Sept. 11	McNeese State
Sept. 18	San Diego State
Sept. 25	Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 9	Colorado
Oct. 16	at Texas A&M
Oct. 23	Oklahoma
Oct. 30	at Nebraska
Nov. 6	at Texas Tech
Nov. 13	Kansas State
Nov. 20	at Iowa State
Nov. 27	Kansas (Kansas City)

## 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Illinois (St. Louis)	W	37-9
Sept. 12	Bowling Green	W	27-20
Sept. 19	Furman	W	52-12
Sept. 25	at Nevada	W	31-21
Oct. 8	Nebraska	L	12-27
Oct. 17	at Oklahoma State	L	17-33
Oct. 24	Texas	L	7-41
Oct. 31	at Colorado	W	36-17
Nov. 7	Baylor	L	32-40
Nov. 14	at Kansas State	W	38-12
Nov. 21	Iowa State	W	34-24
Nov. 28	Kansas (Kansas City)	W	41-39
Dec. 31	#Navy	L	13-35
	#Texas Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	29.0 ppg	6	49
Rushing	127.0 ypg	8	85
Passing	285.5 ypg	4	14
Total	412.5 ypg	6	32
Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	25.4 ppg	8	59
Rushing	118.6 ypg	6	26
Passing	251.5 ypg	11	104
Total	370.1 ypg	8	64
TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: GARY PINKEL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 67-46 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 140-83-3 (19 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVID YOST DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE STECKEL



LINCOLN, NEB. MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,091)

**OFFENSE** The offense returns virtually intact, with two proven running backs, including a 1,000-yard rusher in Roy Helu Jr., a big-play wide receiver in Niles Paul, a versatile tight end who can line up as a slot receiver in Mike McNeill, and a quarterback who completed nearly 60 percent of his passes in Zac Lee. That's the good news.

But the numbers haven't added up. The Huskers ranked 75th nationally in scoring offense and 99th in total offense last season, averaging fewer than 150 yards per game rushing, a number that has to increase.

Injuries were a factor. Lee is coming off surgery on the flexor tendon in his throwing arm, an injury with which he played during his first season as the starter. Helu had a shoulder problem, and the other running back, Rex Burkhead, missed five games with a broken foot.

significant drop-off.

Tackle Jared Crick, a first-team All-Big 12 pick last fall, is next up in the attention fish bowl, with third-year starter Pierre Allen at one of the ends on a line that's two-deep at every position. The Huskers are also stacked with linebackers and cornerbacks — including another all-conference first-teamer in Prince Amukamara — and although the starting safeties will be new, they'll be experienced. DeJon Gomes started six times in the dime package.

Nickelback Eric Hagg is a key to what the defense does. He can move up into the box against the run like a linebacker, or drop in coverage. He'll rarely leave the field.

**SPECIALISTS** Alex Henery is the most accurate placekicker in Husker history. He has made 50-of-57 field goal attempts and 139-of-140 extra points. And he has kicked four or more field goals in six games during his career. He is also the punter, averaging 41.4 yards per kick, with 30 downed inside the 20-yard line.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Huskers have come a long way in two seasons under coach Bo Pelini. They've had a pair of nine-plus win seasons, including two bowl-game victories. Still, Pelini wants more: "We're not there yet," he says. "We're about winning championships."

That's the expectation. Nebraska should be the favorite to repeat atop the Big 12's North Division and could be in the AP preseason top 10 for the first time since 2002. "We're right at the verge, I feel, of doing some great things in the program," Pelini says.

The Huskers again will do it with defense, after ranking in the top 10 nationally in four major defensive categories, including first in scoring defense and pass efficiency defense. The kicking game will provide solid support. The question once again will be the offense. For this team to make a leap forward, the offense must improve significantly.

NATIONAL FORECAST

BIG 12 NORTH PREDICTION

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JARED CRICK

### THE QUOTE

"(Ndamukong) Suh, that dude was a manchild. The scary thing is the guy who lined up next to him, Jared Crick, has a different skill set but definitely is as hard to block."

— An opposing Big 12 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR 24 Niles Paul (Sr.)	1 Khiry Cooper (So.)
WR 44 Mike McNeill (Sr.)	11 Curenski Gilleylen (So.)
WR 84 Brandon Kinzie (Jr.)	26 Tim Marlowe (So.)
LT 50 Jermarcus Hardrick (Jr.)	57 Jeremiah Sirles (Fr.)
LG 68 Keith Williams (Sr.)	79 Brandon Thompson (So.)
C 58 Mike Caputo (Jr.)	65 Mike Smith (Sr.)
RG 74 Ricky Henry (Sr.)	76 Brent Qvale (Fr.)
RT 78 Marcel Jones (Jr.)	73 D.J. Jones (Sr.)
TE 49 Dreu Young (Sr.)	81 Ben Cotton (So.)
QB 3 Zac Lee (Sr.)	17 Cody Green (So.)
IB 10 Roy Helu Jr. (Sr.)	22 Rex Burkhead (So.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE 95 Pierre Allen (Sr.)	98 Josh Williams (So.)
DT 94 Jared Crick (Jr.)	53 Thad Randle (Fr.)
DT 55 Baker Steinkuhler (So.)	90 Terrence Moore (Jr.)
DE 34 Cameron Meredith (So.)	9 Jason Ankrah (Fr.)
LB 51 Will Compton (So.)	45 Alonzo Whaley (So.)
LB 46 Eric Martin (So.)	42 Sean Fisher (So.)
CB 21 Prince Amukamara (Sr.)	14 Anthony Blue (Jr.)
CB 15 Alfonso Dennard (Jr.)	11 Andrew Green (Fr.)
N 28 Eric Hagg (Sr.)	8 Austin Cassidy (Jr.)
S 7 DeJon Gomes (Sr.)	5 Anthony West (Sr.)
S 13 P.J. Smith (So.)	3 Rickey Thenarse (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 90 Alex Henery (Sr.)	KR 24 Niles Paul (Sr.)
P 90 Alex Henery (Sr.)	PR 24 Niles Paul (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Zac Lee, 302-177-2,143-10, 14 TDs  
 Rushing: Roy Helu Jr., 220 car., 1,147 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Niles Paul, 40 rec., 796 yds., 4 TDs  
 Tackles: Jared Crick, 73, 31 solo  
 Sacks: Jared Crick, 9.5  
 Interceptions: Prince Amukamara, 5 for 63 yds.

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Nebraska led the nation in scoring defense, allowing an average of 10.4 points per game. The Huskers allowed 28.5 and 37.9 points the previous two seasons.

But injuries alone can't explain the offensive inconsistency. For starters, the line has been shuffled and bolstered by young players and a junior college transfer.

Also, the quarterback position is far from settled. Lee missed spring practice while recovering from surgery. When he returns to action in preseason practice he will have to hold off sophomore Cody Green, who started twice in 2009, and redshirt freshman Taylor Martinez, who has the skills to play elsewhere if he doesn't end up at quarterback.

**DEFENSE** Though the defense lost some key players, most notably Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award winner Ndamukong Suh at tackle, it is much deeper and the players are more attuned to the system. So don't look for a

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Western Kentucky
Sept. 11	Idaho
Sept. 18	at Washington
Sept. 25	South Dakota State
Oct. 7	at Kansas State
Oct. 16	Texas
Oct. 23	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 30	Missouri
Nov. 6	at Iowa State
Nov. 13	Kansas
Nov. 20	at Texas A&M
Nov. 26	Colorado

### 2009 RESULTS (10-4, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Florida Atlantic	W	49-3
Sept. 12	Arkansas State	W	38-9
Sept. 19	at Virginia Tech	L	15-16
Sept. 26	UL-Lafayette	W	55-0
Oct. 8	at Missouri	W	27-12
Oct. 17	Texas Tech	L	10-31
Oct. 24	Iowa State	L	7-9
Oct. 31	at Baylor	W	20-10
Nov. 7	Oklahoma	W	10-3
Nov. 14	at Kansas	W	31-17
Nov. 21	Kansas State	W	17-3
Nov. 27	at Colorado	W	28-20
Dec. 5	vs. Texas (Arlington)	L	12-13
Dec. 30	#Arizona	W	33-0
	#Holiday Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	25.1 ppg	8	75	
Rushing	147.1 ypg	6	62	
Passing	175.7 ypg	11	101	
Total	322.8 ypg	11	99	
	Defense	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
Scoring	10.4 ppg	1	1	
Rushing	93.1 ypg	3	9	
Passing	178.9 ypg	1	18	
Total	272.0 ypg	2	7	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big 12	Nat'l
	+5	+0.36	3	33

HEAD COACH: BO PELINI RECORD AT SCHOOL: 20-8 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 20-8 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: SHAWN WATSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CARL PELINI





Dion Lewis

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

		BIG EAST	OVERALL
	1. PITTSBURGH	6-1	9-3
	2. CONNECTICUT	5-2	9-3
	3. WEST VIRGINIA	5-2	9-3
	4. RUTGERS	4-3	8-4
	5. CINCINNATI	3-4	6-6
	6. SOUTH FLORIDA	3-4	6-6
	7. SYRACUSE	2-5	5-7
	8. LOUISVILLE	0-7	3-9

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
CINCINNATI	3	6	1	4	5	6	6
CONNECTICUT	4	3	7	1	4	1	3
LOUISVILLE	8	5	6	7	8	8	8
PITTSBURGH	6	1	2	5	1	5	5
RUTGERS	2	7	3	6	2	4	2
SOUTH FLORIDA	1	8	5	3	6	7	4
SYRACUSE	7	4	8	8	7	3	7
WEST VIRGINIA	5	2	4	2	3	2	1

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	B.J. Daniels	6'1"	210	So.	South Florida
RB	Noel Devine	5'8"	180	Sr.	West Virginia
RB	Dion Lewis	5'8"	195	So.	Pittsburgh
WR	Jonathan Baldwin	6'5"	225	Jr.	Pittsburgh
WR	Mohamed Sanu	6'2"	215	So.	Rutgers
TE	Ryan Griffin	6'6"	240	So.	Connecticut
C	Moe Petrus	6'2"	292	Jr.	Connecticut
OL	Art Forst	6'8"	310	Jr.	Rutgers
OL	Zach Hurd	6'7"	323	Sr.	Connecticut
OL	Jason Kelce	6'4"	290	Sr.	Cincinnati
OL	Jason Pinkston	6'4"	305	Sr.	Pittsburgh

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Chris Neild	6'2"	301	Sr.	West Virginia
DL	Greg Romeus	6'6"	270	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Jabaal Sheard	6'4"	260	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Scott Vellone	6'3"	270	So.	Rutgers
LB	Scott Lutrus	6'3"	240	Sr.	Connecticut
LB	J.T. Thomas	6'2"	225	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	Lawrence Wilson	6'1"	217	Sr.	Connecticut
CB	Brandon Hogan	5'10"	189	Sr.	West Virginia
CB	Quenton Washington	5'10"	183	Jr.	South Florida
S	Dom DeCicco	6'3"	230	Sr.	Pittsburgh
S	Robert Sands	6'5"	221	Jr.	West Virginia

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Tyler Bitancourt	6'1"	198	So.	West Virginia
P	Rob Long	6'4"	184	Sr.	Syracuse
KR	Jordan Todman	5'9"	190	Jr.	Connecticut
PR	Mohamed Sanu	6'2"	215	So.	Rutgers

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Tom Savage	6'5"	230	So.	Rutgers
RB	Delone Carter	5'10"	215	Sr.	Syracuse
RB	Jordan Todman	5'9"	190	Jr.	Connecticut
WR	Armon Binns	6'3"	210	Sr.	Cincinnati
WR	Jock Sanders	5'7"	179	Sr.	West Virginia
TE	Ben Guidugli	6'0"	237	Sr.	Cincinnati
C	Sampson Genus	6'1"	314	Sr.	South Florida
OL	Don Barclay	6'4"	304	Jr.	West Virginia
OL	Alex Hoffman	6'7"	293	Jr.	Cincinnati
OL	Lucas Nix	6'6"	300	Jr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Jacob Sims	6'5"	290	Sr.	South Florida

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Jonathan Freeny	6'3"	250	Sr.	Rutgers
DL	Terrell McClain	6'3"	302	Sr.	South Florida
DL	Julian Miller	6'4"	260	Jr.	West Virginia
DL	Derek Wolfe	6'6"	298	Jr.	Cincinnati
LB	Steve Beauharnais	6'2"	230	So.	Rutgers
LB	Doug Hogue	6'2"	223	Sr.	Syracuse
LB	Derrell Smith	6'1"	236	Sr.	Syracuse
CB	Dominique Battle	6'0"	180	Jr.	Cincinnati
CB	Johnny Patrick	6'0"	186	Sr.	Louisville
S	Sidney Glover	5'11"	207	Sr.	West Virginia
S	Joe Lefeged	6'1"	205	Sr.	Rutgers

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Dan Hutchins	5'11"	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh
P	Teddy Dellaganna	6'2"	210	Sr.	Rutgers
KR	Joe Lefeged	6'1"	205	Sr.	Rutgers
PR	Jock Sanders	5'7"	179	Sr.	West Virginia

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# CINCINNATI

## BEARCATS

CINCINNATI, OHIO NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Cincinnati scored points quickly and in bunches under Brian Kelly, and that doesn't figure to change much under his successor Butch Jones, who runs a similar spread offense and is loaded with talent on the offensive side of the ball.

Junior Zach Collaros will likely start at quarterback after passing for 1,434 yards and 10 touchdowns last year when he started four games in relief of the injured Tony Pike. He also rushed for 344 yards. Junior Isaiah Pead emerged to become Cincinnati's primary running threat in 2009, gaining 806 yards and averaging 6.7 yards per carry, and could be poised for a breakout year.

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Quarterback Zach Collaros has won 34 straight games he has started dating back to his junior year in high school, where he won back-to-back Ohio state titles.

The receiving corps is loaded with the return of Armon Binns and D.J. Woods, the Bearcats' second- and third-leading receivers in 2009. Although he has yet to catch a pass at Cincinnati, the most talented receiver of the group might be senior Vidal Hazelton, a transfer from USC who sat out last season. Senior Ben Guidugli, a second-team All-Big East selection, is also a receiving threat at tight end after catching 27 passes for 364 yards in 2009.

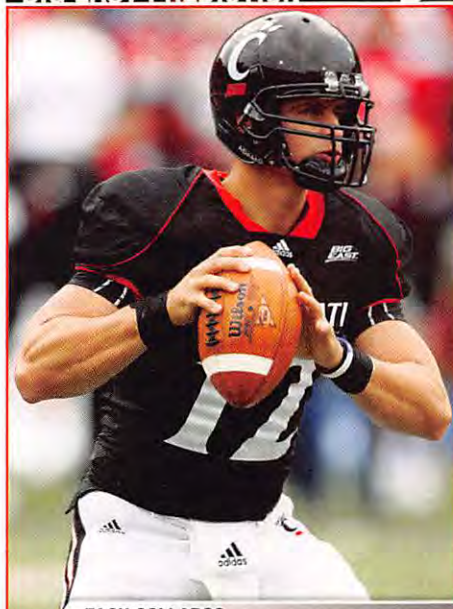
**DEFENSE** Five starters return from a defense that got pushed around quite a bit during the last five games of 2009. The Bearcats have potential all-conference performers in defensive lineman Derek Wolfe, linebacker JK Schaffer and strong safety Drew Frey, but they're young, with only one senior listed as a starter. And they are operating under their third and fourth defensive coordinators in three years, with coordinators Tim Banks and John Jancek.

The emphasis during spring was on getting a pass rush from the edge, and Banks thinks he has a good pass-rusher in defensive end/linebacker Walter Stewart, a sophomore who showed flashes of brilliance last year. Another sophomore, defensive end Dan Giordano, also saw significant playing time last year in a backup role and will be counted on to make an impact this season.

**SPECIALISTS** The departure of electrifying kick returner Mardy Gilyard leaves a huge void that Hazelton and reserve tailback Darrin Williams will attempt to fill. Senior Jake Rogers handled both kicking and punting duties last season and after two years of inconsistency, matured into a fairly reliable placekicker and a competent punter. There's a good chance he'll surrender the punting duties this year to sophomore Patrick O'Donnell, who was recruited to replace All-American Kevin Huber but wasn't ready in 2009. Woods is back to return punts.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It's only natural for the rest of the Big East to assume that with the departure of Kelly, Pike and Gilyard, Cincinnati will not be the offensive force that it has been the last two years. Those doubters could be in for a surprise when they see Collaros throwing to Binns and Hazelton and running the ball when the opportunity arises.

The biggest question mark surrounding this team is its defense. The Bearcats couldn't stop anybody near the end of last season, putting a lot of pressure on the offense to score almost every time it had the ball. It was fun to watch and it worked well enough to result in a second straight Big East title, but it's tough to continue to win that way against good teams. If the defense can muster some resistance, this could be another formidable Cincinnati team that could challenge for another Big East crown. If not, it will finish in the middle of the pack.



ZACH COLLAROS

### THE QUOTE

"They are knee-deep in receivers. (Isaiah) Pead is a good back. And they have enough (offensive) linemen."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	7 Vidal Hazelton (Sr.)	84 O.J. Woodard (Jr.)
WR	3 D.J. Woods (Jr.)	85 Marcus Barnett (Sr.)
WR	80 Armon Binns (Sr.)	6 Jamar Howard (Sr.)
LT	66 Sam Griffin (Sr.)	77 Sean Hooey (So.)
LG	60 Jason Kelce (Sr.)	53 Randy Martinez (Jr.)
C	72 Evan Davis (Jr.)	63 Dan Sprague (Fr.)
RG	59 Alex Hoffman (Jr.)	65 T.J. Franklin (Jr.)
RT	70 C.J. Cobb (Sr.)	79 Andre Cureton (Fr.)
TE	19 Ben Guidugli (Sr.)	88 Adrien Robinson (Jr.)
QB	12 Zach Collaros (Jr.)	14 Chazz Anderson (Jr.)
RB	23 Isaiah Pead (Jr.)	22 John Goebel (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	58 Brandon Mills (So.)	92 Michael Hilty (Fr.)
DT	95 Derek Wolfe (Jr.)	49 Sean McClellan (Fr.)
DT	40 John Hughes (Jr.)	94 Jordan Stepp (Fr.)
DE	99 Dan Giordano (So.)	45 Rob Trigg (Jr.)
WLB	37 JK Schaffer (Jr.)	48 Maalik Bomar (So.)
MLB	42 Dorian Davis (Sr.)	39 Alex Delisi (Jr.)
SLB	54 Walter Stewart (So.)	43 Robby Armstrong (Jr.)
CB	9 Dominique Battle (Fr.)	14 Chris Williams (So.)
CB	21 Camerron Cheatham (Jr.)	5 Reuben Johnson (So.)
SS	26 Drew Frey (So.)	13 Pat Lambert (So.)
FS	24 Wesley Richardson (Jr.)	36 Quincy Quetant (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	97 Jake Rogers (Sr.)	KR	10 Darrin Williams (So.)
P	34 Patrick O'Donnell (So.)	PR	3 D.J. Woods (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Zach Collaros, 124-93-1,434-2, 10 TDs  
Rushing: Isaiah Pead, 121 car., 806 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: Armon Binns, 61 rec., 888 yds., 11 TDs  
Tackles: JK Schaffer, 100, 54 solo  
Sacks: Derek Wolfe, 5  
Interceptions: JK Schaffer, 3 for 23 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Fresno State
Sept. 11	Indiana State
Sept. 16	at NC State
Sept. 25	Oklahoma
Oct. 9	Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 15	at Louisville
Oct. 22	South Florida
Oct. 30	Syracuse
Nov. 13	at West Virginia
Nov. 20	Rutgers
Nov. 27	at Connecticut
Dec. 4	Pittsburgh

### 2009 RESULTS (12-1, 7-0)

Sept. 7	at Rutgers	W	47-15
Sept. 12	SE Missouri State	W	70-3
Sept. 19	at Oregon State	W	28-18
Sept. 26	Fresno State	W	28-20
Oct. 3	at Miami (Ohio)	W	37-13
Oct. 15	at South Florida	W	34-17
Oct. 24	Louisville	W	41-10
Oct. 31	at Syracuse	W	28-7
Nov. 7	Connecticut	W	47-45
Nov. 13	West Virginia	W	24-21
Nov. 27	Illinois	W	49-36
Dec. 5	at Pittsburgh	W	45-44
Jan. 1	#Florida	L	24-51
	#Sugar Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	38.6 ppg	1	4	
Rushing	138.7 ypg	5	69	
Passing	308.8 ypg	1	8	
Total	447.5 ypg	1	11	
	Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	23.1 ppg	5	44	
Rushing	143.8 ypg	7	61	
Passing	230.2 ypg	6	78	
Total	374.0 ypg	8	67	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
	+9	+0.69	3	13

HEAD COACH: BUTCH JONES RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 27-13 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE BAJAKIAN CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: TIM BANKS, JON JANCEK





# CONNECTICUT

## HUSKIES

STORRS, CONNECTICUT RENTSCHLER FIELD (40,000)

**OFFENSE** This is the most settled a UConn offense has ever been coming into a season. The Huskies have a clear-cut leader at quarterback in Zach Frazer and a capable backup in Cody Endres, who started six games last year. With a year under their belts, both have a good grasp of offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead's multiple, no-huddle offense.

"When there's change, it takes time for people to make adjustments," coach Randy Edsall says. "You could see guys getting more comfortable about (the offense) as we moved forward."

UConn averaged 387.2 yards of total offense per game (third in the Big East) and returns eight starters. Jordan Todman is a proven tailback who will carry even more of the rushing load with Andre Dixon no longer around. Todman has tremendous speed but proved he could be physical between the tackles, too. He hit the 100-yard mark five times last year — including 162 at Cincinnati and 130 at Notre Dame — en route to a 1,188-yard season.

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UConn's five losses in 2009 came by a total of 15 points, and the Huskies held leads in the fourth quarter in all but one of the losses.

The Huskies return four offensive linemen, led by imposing senior right guard Zach Hurd (6'7", 323 pounds), a first-team All-Big East pick in 2009.

Junior Kashif Moore, whose acrobatic 37-yard touchdown reception jump-started UConn to its bowl win over South Carolina, is the most reliable of a solid set of receivers.

**DEFENSE** The Huskies return eight starters on this side of the football, too, led by a pair of fourth-year starters at linebacker, Scott Lutrus and Lawrence Wilson. Lutrus will move from outside to inside this fall to allow last year's

starter, Greg Lloyd, to transition to defensive end. The Huskies hope Lloyd can take advantage of his speed and strength to help replace Lindsey Witten and his 11.5 sacks.

Both tackles (Kendall Reyes and Twyon Martin) are back, as is Jesse Joseph at the other end position.

UConn's major concern is the secondary, where cornerback Robert McClain and free safety Robert Vaughn graduated and the Huskies are young. Sophomore Jerome Junior started 12 games at strong safety and slides over to replace Vaughn at free safety. Senior Kijuan Dabney, who played in only two games a year ago before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury, will start at strong safety. Sophomore Blidi Wreh-Wilson became a starter at one corner following the tragic stabbing death of Jasper Howard on Oct. 18, and sophomore Dwayne Gratz will replace McClain. Gratz got some valuable playing time as the fifth back in nickel packages.

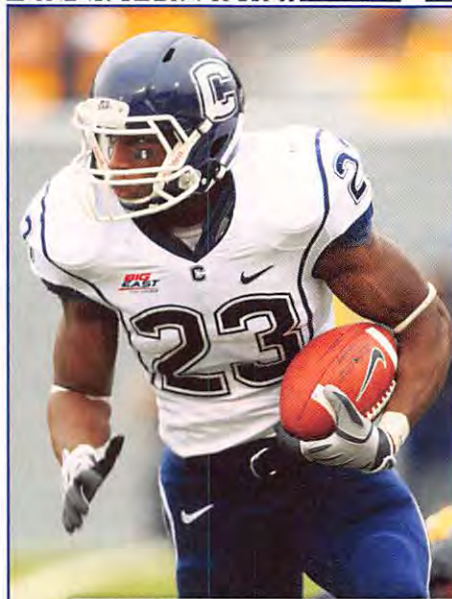
**SPECIALISTS** UConn needs a more consistent year out of placekicker Dave Teggart, who has shown range up to 50 yards, and the Huskies have an untested punter (freshman Chad Christen) and punt returner (junior Gary Wilburn). The kickoff return game won't be a problem: Todman, Robbie Frey and Mike Lang all had TD returns a year ago, and all three return.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Huskies are ready to shed the "fledgling" tag as an FBS program. They were competitive in every game for the first time since moving up from the I-AA level in 2002; they return 16 starters; and they gained a tremendous amount of confidence from the strong finish in 2009.

UConn has more depth, size, speed and talent than at any other time in the Edsall era, and with a favorable home schedule, this will be the Huskies' best chance to win their first outright Big East title.

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JORDAN TODMAN

### THE QUOTE

"The kid (Jordan Todman) they return at tailback is probably better (than Andre Dixon). He's more suited for success in the Big East."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

WR 82 Kashif Moore (Jr.)	83 Isiah Moore (Jr.)
WR 80 Michael Smith (Jr.)	87 Malik Generett (Fr.)
LT 72 Jimmy Bennett (So.)	63 Adam Masters (So.)
LG 66 Mathieu Olivier (Sr.)	60 Erik Kuraczea (So.)
C 57 Moe Petrus (Jr.)	70 Gary Bardzak (Jr.)
RG 78 Zach Hurd (Sr.)	50 Tyler Bullock Greene (Fr.)
RT 71 Mike Ryan (Jr.)	77 Kevin Friend (Fr.)
TE 94 Ryan Griffin (So.)	89 John Delahun (So.)
QB 10 Zach Frazer (Sr.)	12 Cody Endres (Jr.)
FB 49 Anthony Sherman (Sr.)	39 Bret Manning (Sr.)
TB 23 Jordan Todman (Jr.)	22 Kelmetrus Wylie (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE 91 Jesse Joseph (So.)	48 Trevardo Williams (So.)
LT 99 Kendall Reyes (Jr.)	59 Shamar Stephen (Fr.)
RT 4 Twyon Martin (Jr.)	53 Ryan Wirth (So.)
RE 95 Greg Lloyd (Sr.)	26 Marcus Campbell (Jr.)
OLB 8 Lawrence Wilson (Sr.)	46 Sio Moore (So.)
MLB 32 Scott Lutrus (Sr.)	55 Jerome Williams (So.)
OLB 28 Jory Johnson (So.)	9 Andrew Opoku (Fr.)
CB 5 Blidi Wreh-Wilson (So.)	20 Teyvin Brandon (Fr.)
CB 24 Dwayne Gratz (So.)	21 Gary Wilburn (Jr.)
FS 15 Jerome Junior (So.)	34 David Kenney (Fr.)
SS 19 Kijuan Dabney (Sr.)	7 Mike Lang (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 38 Dave Teggart (Jr.)	KR 23 Jordan Todman (Jr.)
P 13 Chad Christen (Fr.)	PR 21 Gary Wilburn (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Zach Frazer, 218-116-1,461-9, 10 TDs  
 Rushing: Jordan Todman, 235 car., 1,188 yds., 14 TDs  
 Receiving: Isiah Moore, 24 rec., 286 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Lawrence Wilson, 140, 80 solo  
 Sacks: Lawrence Wilson, 5  
 Interceptions: Three players tied with 1

(\*) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Michigan
Sept. 11	Texas Southern
Sept. 18	at Temple
Sept. 25	Buffalo
Oct. 2	Vanderbilt
Oct. 8	at Rutgers
Oct. 23	at Louisville
Oct. 29	West Virginia
Nov. 11	Pittsburgh
Nov. 20	at Syracuse
Nov. 27	Cincinnati
Dec. 4	at South Florida

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 3-4)

Sept. 5	at Ohio	W	23-16
Sept. 12	North Carolina	L	10-12
Sept. 19	at Baylor	W	30-22
Sept. 26	Rhode Island	W	52-10
Oct. 10	at Pittsburgh	L	21-24
Oct. 17	Louisville	W	38-25
Oct. 24	at West Virginia	L	24-28
Oct. 31	Rutgers	L	24-28
Nov. 7	at Cincinnati	L	45-47
Nov. 21	at Notre Dame	W (2ot)	33-30
Nov. 28	Syracuse	W	56-31
Dec. 5	South Florida	W	29-27
Jan. 2	#South Carolina	W	20-7
	#PapaJohns.com Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	31.2 ppg	3	27	
Rushing	170.7 ypg	4	39	
Passing	216.5 ypg	2	61	
Total	387.2 ypg	3	57	
	Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	23.6 ppg	6	48	
Rushing	132.9 ypg	5	45	
Passing	235.9 ypg	8	88	
Total	368.8 ypg	6	62	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
	+3	+0.23	4	46

HEAD COACH: RANDY EDSALL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 66-65 (11 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 66-65 (11 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOE MOORHEAD DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TODD ORLANDO





# LOUISVILLE

## CARDINALS

LOUISVILLE, KY. PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (56,000)

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**OFFENSE** Charlie Strong arrives from Florida knowing that he intends to run the same spread offense that Urban Meyer refined. He just doesn't know if he has the personnel to run it this season, but don't look for 400-yard outbursts on a weekly basis.

Adam Froman gets first crack at quarterback. He's the best runner in the group but struggles to throw a crisp pass beyond 20 yards. Will Stein is a former walk-on who is only 5'10", but he's a strong leader and faster than Froman. Both enjoy tucking the football and taking off. Freshman Dominique Brown, a bruiser who originally committed to Cincinnati, could take over by midseason.

Don't be surprised if true freshmen play at wide receiver, too. Doug Beaumont caught 38 balls last season but has failed to score a touchdown during his three years. Josh Chichester has the size to become the best target, but he needs to run sharper routes. None of the returnees caught more than two TD passes last season, which means freshmen Senorise Perry, Michael Harris and Josh Bellamy could play early.

scoring offense last season and gave up 37 quarterback sacks. Every player has to fight to keep his job.

**DEFENSE** Strong made his name on this side of the ball and promises to build a punishing defense at Louisville, too. But there are fewer pieces to work with than on offense. The defensive line and linebackers are undersized, and the Cards ranked among the 20 worst in the nation last season in pass efficiency defense.

Greg Scruggs is the most talented defensive lineman, but he averaged only two tackles per game as a starter. He might be more productive moving inside to tackle from end. Malcolm Tatum and William Savoy are high-energy ends, but both weigh less than 255 pounds.

The strength of the unit should be the linebackers. All three projected starters — Dexter Heyman, Antwon Canady and Brandon Heath — have started. Three coordinators have juggled Heath through multiple positions, but he is primed for his best season under Strong.

The secondary needs safety Terence Simien to make a complete recovery from a lacerated kidney, but this is another spot where freshmen will contribute.



VICTOR ANDERSON

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The Cardinals ranked eighth — last — in the Big East in six team categories last season, including rushing offense, rushing defense and scoring offense.

Running back is the most solid position on the offense, but the Cards won't be using the pro set. Victor Anderson was voted the best freshman in the Big East in 2008 but was slowed by injuries last season. That allowed Darius Ashley to run for 462 yards. After watching his yards per carry drop for two consecutive seasons, Bilal Powell lost 20 pounds and looked dynamic in spring drills.

Four starters return across the offensive front, but Louisville ranked last in the Big East in

**SPECIALISTS** The kicking game has been a problem for the last two seasons, but Chris Philpott showed a stronger, more accurate leg in spring practice. Trent Guy was often U of L's best weapon as a return man, but he's gone, and there's not a clear replacement.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Louisville fans are ecstatic to have Strong take over a program that Steve Kragthorpe made irrelevant on the national scene. But they'll need to be patient. Extremely patient. Numbers are down. There's not a proven quarterback. The defense is undersized and lacking top-of-the-league talent. Strong recruited an outstanding class, and the most important decision he'll make is how many freshmen to play immediately.

### THE QUOTE

"Defensively, Charlie (Strong) has his work cut out for him. After cornerback Johnny Patrick, there's a question of how much Big East talent they really have on defense."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR 80 Stephon Ball (So.)	19 Jahmal Lawson (Jr.)
WR 11 Josh Chichester (Jr.)	Michael Harris (Fr.)
WR 27 Doug Beaumont (Sr.)	21 Troy Pascaley (Sr.)
LT 76 Greg Tomczyk (Sr.)	78 Byron Stingily (Sr.)
LG 77 Joe Evinger (Sr.)	68 Kamran Joyer (Fr.)
C 55 Mario Benavides (So.)	66 Alex Kupper (So.)
RG 79 Mark Wetterer (Sr.)	70 Conrad Thomas (Sr.)
RT 74 Jeff Adams (Sr.)	75 Ryan Kessling (Jr.)
TE 83 Cameron Graham (Sr.)	82 Pete Nocht (Sr.)
QB 9 Adam Froman (Sr.)	2 Will Stein (So.)
RB 20 Victor Anderson (Jr.)	15 Bilal Powell (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE 61 William Savoy (Jr.)	47 Malcolm Mitchell (Fr.)
LT 11 Greg Scruggs (Jr.)	93 Roy Philon (Fr.)
RT 97 Tim High (Sr.)	95 Randy Salmon (So.)
RE 90 Malcolm Tatum (Sr.)	96 Patrick Grant (Jr.)
SLB 46 Dexter Heyman (Jr.)	24 Daniel Brown (So.)
MLB 52 Antwon Canady (Sr.)	51 Mike Privott (Fr.)
WLB 5 Brandon Heath (Sr.)	33 Horace Miller (So.)
CB 19 Johnny Patrick (Sr.)	26 Zed Evans (Fr.)
CB 35 Anthony Conner (Sr.)	13 Preston Pace (Jr.)
SS 23 Terence Simien (Jr.)	31 Champ Lee (Fr.)
FS 36 Shenard Holton (So.)	8 Hakeem Smith (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 12 Chris Philpott (Jr.)	KR 20 Victor Anderson (Jr.)
P 35 Jon Payne (Sr.)	PR 27 Doug Beaumont (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Adam Froman, 185-111-1,354-5, 6 TDs  
Rushing: Victor Anderson, 89 car., 473 yds., 5 TDs  
Receiving: Doug Beaumont, 38 rec., 465 yds., 0 TD  
Tackles: Johnny Patrick, 53, 42 solo  
Sacks: William Savoy, 5  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Kentucky
Sept. 11	Eastern Kentucky
Sept. 18	at Oregon State
Oct. 2	at Arkansas State
Oct. 9	Memphis
Oct. 15	Cincinnati
Oct. 23	Connecticut
Oct. 30	at Pittsburgh
Nov. 6	at Syracuse
Nov. 13	South Florida
Nov. 20	West Virginia
Nov. 26	at Rutgers

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 1-6)

Sept. 5	Indiana State	W	30-10
Sept. 19	at Kentucky	L	27-31
Sept. 26	at Utah	L	14-30
Oct. 2	Pittsburgh	L	10-35
Oct. 10	Southern Miss	W	25-23
Oct. 17	at Connecticut	L	25-38
Oct. 24	at Cincinnati	L	10-41
Oct. 31	Arkansas State	W	21-13
Nov. 7	at West Virginia	L	9-17
Nov. 14	Syracuse	W	10-9
Nov. 21	at South Florida	L	22-34
Nov. 27	Rutgers	L	14-34

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big East	Natl.
Scoring	18.1 ppg	8	111	
Rushing	125.2 ypg	8	89	
Passing	208.9 ypg	4	71	
Total	334.1 ypg	6	91	
	Defense	Per Game	Big East	Natl.
Scoring	26.3 ppg	7	65	
Rushing	165.1 ypg	8	84	
Passing	206.0 ypg	3	42	
Total	371.1 ypg	7	65	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Natl.
	-3	-0.25	7	77

HEAD COACH: CHARLIE STRONG RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 0-1 (FIRST FULL SEASON)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE SANFORD DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: VANCE BEDFORD



PITTSBURGH, PA. HEINZ FIELD (65,050)

**OFFENSE** Frank Cignetti Jr. took over the Pittsburgh offense last season and wasted little time in unleashing his skill players. The Panthers averaged 180.3 rushing yards and scored 32.1 points per game.

Tailback Dion Lewis finished third nationally with 1,799 rushing yards and looks more polished and skilled than he did as a true freshman. A Ray Rice-type, Lewis not only wore defenses down with his combination of power and elusiveness, but he also set up play-action opportunities for the passing game. "We want to win the running battle first," says Cignetti, who called Lewis' number 47 times in a one-point loss to Cincinnati in the regular-season finale.

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Dating back to the 2008 season, Pittsburgh's last five losses have each been by seven points or less. The Panthers' three losses last season came by a combined 11 points.

Junior wide receiver Jonathan Baldwin outdueled double and triple coverage all season to haul in 57 passes for 1,111 yards with eight touchdowns. He and sophomore Mike Shanahan — both of whom stand 6'5" — could form the best tandem in the Big East.

First-year starter Tino Sunseri arguably was the best quarterback coming out of spring drills in '09, but his lack of experience prompted the coaching staff to defer to Bill Stull. Like Stull, Sunseri should benefit from the Panthers' high-octane running game.

Both tackles return on the line in Jason Pinkston and Lucas Nix, but the interior will be a work in progress.

**DEFENSE** Good luck trying to pass against these Panthers. Pittsburgh led the nation in sacks last season and returns its top two pass-rushers in senior ends Greg Romeus and Jabaal Sheard. That duo combined for 13 sacks, 22 tackles for

a loss and 23 quarterback hurries. Romeus considered a jump to the NFL, but the reigning Big East Defensive Player of the Year looks to improve on his sack total of eight in '09.

It will be imperative for Romeus and Sheard to get off to a quick start while two first-year starters at cornerback — Antwan Reed and Saheed Imoru (who could rotate with several others) — get adjusted to full-time roles. Sophomore safety Jarred Holley is a player to watch for the Panthers, given the ball-hawking skills (three interceptions) he displayed after stepping in as a starter in Week 5.

The linebacking corps could be solid, led by thunderous-hitting sophomore Dan Mason in the middle.

**SPECIALISTS** All-Big East selection Dan Hutchins returns in his dual role of kicker and punter. He converted 23-of-29 field goal tries and averaged 41.1 yards on 44 punts. Kickoff returner Cameron Saddler averaged 25.3 yards per return. He was close to taking several kicks the distance.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Pittsburgh produced its best season in nearly 30 years with a 10-3 record that included a bowl win, a No. 17 spot in the BCS standings and three losses by a combined 11 points. But coach Dave Wannstedt was far from satisfied. His goal is a national championship.

However, in order to reach that lofty goal, Wannstedt understands that Pittsburgh must first win the Big East Conference title, which has eluded him since his arrival in 2005. He gets the chance this year. He has corralled the top recruiting classes in the Big East in four of the past five seasons, and this Pittsburgh squad is loaded with talent. A national title will be challenging due to a non-conference schedule featuring an opening trip to Utah, a home game against Miami and a visit to Notre Dame, but the Panthers should finally become the Beasts of the Big East.

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DION LEWIS

## THE QUOTE

"Are they the team to beat? Yes, if the quarterbacks are any good. Bill Stull had a better season than anyone could have predicted last year. No one can say if Pat Bostick or Tino Sunseri can do the same thing."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

## OFFENSE (5)

FL	82 Jonathan Baldwin (Jr.)	5 Cameron Saddler (So.)
SE	87 Mike Shanahan (So.)	14 Greg Cross (Sr.)
LT	77 Jason Pinkston (Sr.)	68 Jordan Gibbs (Jr.)
LG	54 Chris Jacobson (Jr.)	62 Fernando Diaz (Fr.)
C	61 Alex Karabin (Sr.)	72 Jack Lippert (Fr.)
RG	60 Greg Gaskins (Jr.)	75 Ryan Turnley (So.)
RT	52 Lucas Nix (Jr.)	78 Cory King (Fr.)
TE	85 Mike Cruz (So.)	47 Andrew Devlin (Jr.)
QB	12 Tino Sunseri (So.)	19 Pat Bostick (Jr.)
FB	27 Henry Hynoski (Jr.)	23 Kevin Adams (Fr.)
RB	28 Dion Lewis (So.)	34 Ray Graham (So.)

## DEFENSE (6)

DE	97 Jabaal Sheard (Sr.)	46 Shayne Hale (So.)
DT	98 Chas Alechih (Jr.)	96 Justin Hargrove (Jr.)
DT	94 Myles Caragein (Jr.)	45 Tyler Tkach (Sr.)
DE	91 Greg Romeus (Sr.)	35 Brandon Lindsey (Jr.)
SLB	55 Max Gruder (Jr.)	36 Manny Williams (So.)
MLB	40 Dan Mason (So.)	58 Shane Gordon (Fr.)
WLB	38 Greg Williams (Jr.)	32 Tristan Roberts (Jr.)
CB	22 Antwan Reed (Jr.)	21 Buddy Jackson (Jr.)
CB	2 Saheed Imoru (Jr.)	26 Ricky Gary (Sr.)
SS	31 Don DeCicco (Sr.)	41 Andrew Taglianetti (So.)
FS	18 Jarred Holley (So.)	25 Jason Hendricks (Fr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	30 Dan Hutchins (Sr.)	KR	5 Cameron Saddler (So.)
P	30 Dan Hutchins (Sr.)	PR	3 Aaron Smith (Jr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tino Sunseri, 17-10-114-0, 2 TDs

Rushing: Dion Lewis, 325 car., 1,799 yds., 17 TDs

Receiving: Jonathan Baldwin, 57 rec., 1,111 yds., 8 TDs

Tackles: Max Gruder, 91, 56 solo

Sacks: Greg Romeus, 8

Interceptions: Two players tied with 3

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## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Utah
Sept. 11	New Hampshire
Sept. 23	Miami (Fla.)
Oct. 2	Florida International
Oct. 9	at Notre Dame
Oct. 16	at Syracuse
Oct. 23	Rutgers
Oct. 30	Louisville
Nov. 11	at Connecticut
Nov. 20	at South Florida
Nov. 26	West Virginia
Dec. 4	at Cincinnati

## 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 5-2)

Sept. 5	Youngstown State	W	38-3
Sept. 12	at Buffalo	W	54-27
Sept. 19	Navy	W	27-14
Sept. 26	at NC State	L	31-38
Oct. 2	at Louisville	W	35-10
Oct. 10	Connecticut	W	24-21
Oct. 16	at Rutgers	W	24-17
Oct. 24	South Florida	W	41-14
Nov. 7	Syracuse	W	37-10
Nov. 14	Notre Dame	W	27-22
Nov. 27	at West Virginia	L	16-19
Dec. 5	Cincinnati	L	44-45
Dec. 26	#North Carolina	W	19-17
#Meineke Car Care Bowl			

## 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	32.1 ppg	2	21	
Rushing	180.3 ypg	2	34	
Passing	211.3 ypg	3	67	
Total	391.6 ypg	2	52	
	Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	19.8 ppg	2	19	
Rushing	106.3 ypg	3	17	
Passing	213.0 ypg	5	49	
Total	319.3 ypg	2	23	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
	+10	+0.77	2	10

HEAD COACH: DAVE WANNSTEDT RECORD AT SCHOOL: 35-26 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 35-26 (5 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: FRANK CIGNETTI DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PHIL BENNETT



PISCATAWAY, N.J. RUTGERS STADIUM (52,454)

## SCARLET KNIGHTS

**OFFENSE** A year after having to rely on the youngest quarterback in the Big East, Rutgers now has the league's most experienced signal-caller. Tom Savage's 11 starts last year — a season that saw him set school freshman records for passing yards and touchdowns — are the most of any returning league quarterback.

That means he will shoulder even more of the offensive load. "He's ready for it," coach Greg Schiano says.

With a budding star in sophomore wide receiver Mohamed Sanu, who had three 100-yard receiving games as well as a 100-yard rushing game out of the Wildcat last season, the offense has plenty of potential. But Sanu will need a complementary receiver, and Mark Harrison could fill that role. There's also concern about a revamped offensive line and the running game, which has lacked pizzazz lately. Three offensive line starters, including both tackles, must be replaced.

Rutgers finished second nationally last year behind Air Force in turnover margin at plus-1.54 per game, forcing 34 turnovers while committing only 14.

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Though tailback Joe Martinek returns after a 967-yard season, he's more of a grind-it-out type. Rutgers will look to true freshmen Casey Turner and Jawan Jamison to provide the big-play threat in the running game that this team was missing last season.

Lacking a true fullback for the first time in recent memory, Rutgers will likely use more double-tight end sets and continue to expand its Wildcat package.

**DEFENSE** Reading between the lines of what Schiano has been saying about his defense, this year's edition could be the fastest and most athletic unit he's had. That's a year after the Knights led the country in tackles for a loss,

too. Schiano's optimism with the defense is a little surprising given that the top four tacklers from a year ago have graduated.

Defensive tackle Scott Vallone, who earned Freshman All-America honors last year, Alex Silvestro (12 TFLs) and Jonathan Freeny (9.5 sacks) are the headliners on a talented and deep defensive line.

If there's a primary concern on defense it's at linebacker, where two starters have to be replaced. But Steve Beauharnais showed as a true freshman last year that he was a playmaker and could find himself moving from the strong side to the middle. Antonio Lowery was a part-time starter on the weak side last year.

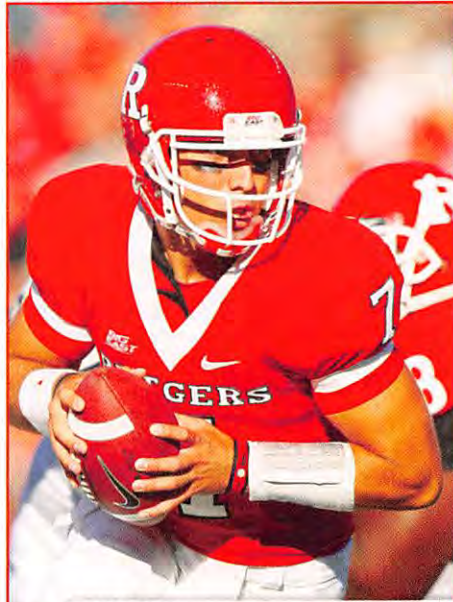
Despite the loss of do-everything corner Devin McCourty, the secondary features more talent and depth than it has in recent memory. Joe Lefeged, a three-year starter, and Khaseem Greene will be the starting safeties. The corner spots may open with Brandon Bing and David Rowe as the starters, but Brandon Jones and a trio of promising redshirt freshmen — Logan Ryan, Darrell Givens and Abdul Smith — will see extensive playing time.

**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker San San Te is predicting a breakout year after two so-so seasons, in large part because offseason back surgery has him healthy and pain-free again. Senior punter Teddy Dellaganna will be among the Big East's best again.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** A sixth straight bowl appearance isn't just a goal. It's expected now. But as Schiano enters his 10th year on the job, many Rutgers fans are wondering how much longer they will have to wait for the school's first Big East title. Schiano calculated that 62 of his 85 scholarship players would have three or more years of eligibility left. That suggests that the Knights may be a year away. Keeping Savage healthy is essential, but there's enough talent in the program for Rutgers to be a threat in the Big East this year.

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BIG EAST PREDICTION

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TOM SAVAGE

### THE QUOTE

"Losing (left tackle) Anthony Davis hurts. The line will have to mature. Guys like Davis don't come around very often"

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	6 Mohamed Sanu (So.)	5 Tim Wright (So.)
WR	81 Mark Harrison (So.)	18 Julian Hayes (Sr.)
LT	70 Desmond Wynn (Jr.)	71 Devon Watkis (So.)
LG	77 Art Forst (Jr.)	Betim Bujari (Fr.)
C	74 Howard Barbieri (Sr.)	60 Caleb Ruch (Jr.)
RG	75 Antwan Lowery (Fr.)	60 Caleb Ruch (Jr.)
RT	73 Desmond Stapleton (Jr.)	53 Jamal Wilson (Fr.)
TE	10 D.C. Jefferson (So.)	98 Evan Lampert (Jr.)
QB	7 Tom Savage (So.)	12 Steve Shimko (So.)
FB	30 Edmond Laryea (Sr.)	40 Robert Joseph (Fr.)
RB	38 Joe Martinek (Jr.)	Casey Turner (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	99 Jonathan Freeny (Sr.)	91 Justin Francis (Jr.)
DT	96 Charlie Noonan (Sr.)	52 Eric LeGrand (Jr.)
DT	94 Scott Vallone (So.)	90 Michael Larrow (Fr.)
DE	45 Alex Silvestro (Sr.)	57 Sorie Bayoh (Sr.)
SLB	51 Manny Abreu (Jr.)	49 Al-Ghaffaar Lane (Jr.)
MLB	42 Steve Beauharnais (So.)	53 Jim Dumont (Sr.)
WLB	50 Antonio Lowery (Sr.)	13 Ka'Lial Glauf (So.)
CB	4 David Rowe (Jr.)	25 Brandon Jones (So.)
CB	23 Brandon Bing (Sr.)	11 Logan Ryan (Fr.)
SS	26 Joe Lefeged (Sr.)	47 Patrick Kivlehan (Jr.)
FS	20 Khaseem Greene (So.)	32 Duron Harmon (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	1 San San Te (Jr.)	KR	26 Joe Lefeged (Sr.)
P	93 Teddy Dellaganna (Sr.)	PR	6 Mohamed Sanu (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tom Savage, 285-149-2,211-7, 14 TDs  
Rushing: Joe Martinek, 206 car., 967 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: Mohamed Sanu, 51 rec., 639 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Antonio Lowery, 55, 25 solo  
Sacks: Jonathan Freeny, 9.5  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(\*) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Norfolk State
Sept. 11	at FIU
Sept. 25	North Carolina
Oct. 2	Tulane
Oct. 8	Connecticut
Oct. 16	#Army
Oct. 23	at Pittsburgh
Nov. 3	at South Florida
Nov. 13	Syracuse
Nov. 20	at Cincinnati
Nov. 26	Louisville
Dec. 4	at West Virginia
	#East Rutherford, N.J.

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 3-4)

Sept. 7	Cincinnati	L	15-47
Sept. 12	Howard	W	45-7
Sept. 19	FIU	W	23-15
Sept. 26	at Maryland	W	34-13
Oct. 10	Texas Southern	W	42-0
Oct. 16	Pittsburgh	L	17-24
Oct. 23	at Army	W	27-10
Oct. 31	at Connecticut	W	28-24
Nov. 12	South Florida	W	31-0
Nov. 21	at Syracuse	L	13-31
Nov. 27	at Louisville	W	34-14
Dec. 5	West Virginia	L	21-24
Dec. 19	#UCF	W	45-24
	#St. Petersburg Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	28.9 ppg	4	52	
Rushing	134.4 ypg	6	78	
Passing	191.9 ypg	7	89	
Total	326.3 ypg	8	97	
	Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	17.9 ppg	1	16	
Rushing	103.2 ypg	2	15	
Passing	204.5 ypg	2	39	
Total	307.8 ypg	1	18	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
	+20	+1.54	1	2

HEAD COACH: GREG SCHIANO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 55-55 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 55-55 (9 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KIRK CIARROCCA, KYLE FLOOD CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BOB FRASER, ED PINKHAM





TAMPA, FLA. RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (65,857)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Everything seems new at South Florida. After the firing of Jim Leavitt, the only head coach in program history, the Bulls turned to Skip Holtz, who made the predictable changes in style, philosophy and staffing. But one thing won't change: The future will revolve around sophomore quarterback B.J. Daniels.

Daniels is often electrifying but sometimes frustrating because he generally looks for the big play, even when a safer alternative works better. Give him time. More often than not, Daniels' ability bailed the Bulls out of a desperate situation.

The Bulls, expected to work more with Daniels under center instead of the shotgun formation, will rely on senior running back Mo Plancher — who received a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA — after Holtz dismissed workhorse Mike Ford. Daniels has a reliable returning receiver, senior Dontavia Bogan. But senior receiver A.J. Love, who averaged 18.8 yards per catch, suffered a torn ACL in his right knee during the spring game and the timing of his return is uncertain.

with athleticism on the perimeter, to have a better-than-average defensive line. Expect underrated senior tackle Terrell McClain to play a major role, but also watch for senior end Craig Marshall, an up-and-coming performer who had two sacks against Florida State.

At linebacker, two seniors are the obvious leaders — cat-quick Jacquian Williams on the strong side and intense Sabbath Joseph on the weak side. But the real player to watch might be sophomore middle linebacker Sam Barrington, who excelled as a first-year performer and has all-conference potential.

South Florida might have the Big East's most promising cornerback tandem in junior Quenton Washington, the secondary's most consistent performer last season, and sophomore Kayvon Webster, who started six games and has flashed big-time skills from the first day he arrived on campus.

**SPECIALISTS** The Bulls suffered a huge loss last year when placekicker Maikon Bonani missed all season after breaking a vertebra in his back during an offseason accident. But senior Eric Schwartz compensated well, hitting 11 of his 16 field-goal attempts, including a 50-yarder against Cincinnati. The Bulls will break in a new punter, and the favorite is sophomore Justin Brockhaus-Kann.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** South Florida has made a big national splash in recent seasons, including the 6-0 start to the 2007 season and rise to No. 2 in the BCS rankings. Still, the Bulls have never won a Big East title or appeared in a BCS bowl. That's the goal for Holtz, but it won't be easy with a rugged schedule (road games at Florida and Miami, plus league trips to West Virginia and Cincinnati).

Look for Holtz to tap into South Florida's resources — the Tampa Bay area's fertile recruiting ground — to ensure a bright future. For now, just holding ground with a winning record and bowl berth is the realistic goal.



B.J. DANIELS

### THE QUOTE

"South Florida will always have better skill players than anyone in the league. It's just a matter of what they do with them."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

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South Florida has a 7-13 record down the stretch of the past three regular seasons after beginning 16-0 (including 6-0 in 2007, 5-0 in '08 and 5-0 in '09).

The Bulls are well-equipped for excellence on the offensive line, even though senior guard Zach Hermann, who started 26 games, called it a career in the spring. There are five returning players who started the majority of last season, most notably senior center Sampson Genus.

**DEFENSE** It would seem difficult to move on without NFL-bound defensive ends George Selvie and Jason Pierre-Paul, two of the most decorated players in South Florida history. But the Bulls have enough inside muscle, along

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	81 Dontavia Bogan (Sr.)	17 Sterling Griffin (So.)
WR	5 Lindsey Lamar (So.)	9 Evan Landi (So.)
LT	63 Jamar Bass (Sr.)	74 Mark Popek (So.)
LG	55 Jeremiah Warren (Jr.)	75 Darren Powe (Jr.)
C	62 Sampson Genus (Sr.)	66 Kevin McCaskill (Jr.)
RG	79 Chaz Hine (Jr.)	60 Danous Estenor (Jr.)
RT	64 Jake Sims (Sr.)	73 Damien Edwards (So.)
TE	89 Jeff Hawkins (So.)	85 Andrew Ketchel (Sr.)
QB	7 B.J. Daniels (So.)	Jamius Gunsby (Fr.)
RB	43 Richard Kelly (Sr.)	12 Isaac Virgin (Fr.)
RB	3 Moise Plancher (Sr.)	21 Demetris Murray (So.)

### DEFENSE (3)

LE	58 David Bedford (Sr.)	7 Ryne Giddins (Fr.)
NT	91 Keith McCaskill (Jr.)	46 Cory Grissom (So.)
DT	97 Terrell McClain (Sr.)	Todd Chandler (Fr.)
RE	94 Craig Marshall (Sr.)	41 Patrick Hampton (Jr.)
SLB	57 Jacquian Williams (Sr.)	56 Donte Spires (Sr.)
MLB	36 Sam Barrington (So.)	55 Mike Lanaris (So.)
WLB	11 Sabbath Joseph (Sr.)	34 Devekeyan Lattimore (Fr.)
CB	2 Quenton Washington (Jr.)	19 Daniel Bryant (So.)
CB	6 Kayvon Webster (So.)	4 Tyson Butler (Jr.)
SS	1 Jerrell Young (Jr.)	5 Jon Lejiste (So.)
FS	16 Mistral Raymond (Sr.)	30 Jaquez Jenkins (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	32 Eric Schwartz (Sr.)	KR	81 Dontavia Bogan (Sr.)
P	18 Justin Brockhaus-Kann (So.)	PR	23 Faron Hornes (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: B.J. Daniels, 227-122-1,983-9, 14 TDs  
Rushing: B.J. Daniels, 175 car., 772 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: A.J. Love, 26 rec., 489 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Sabbath Joseph, 48, 24 solo  
Sacks: Craig Marshall, 4

Interceptions: Two players tied with 1

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Stony Brook
Sept. 11	at Florida
Sept. 25	Western Kentucky
Oct. 2	Florida Atlantic
Oct. 9	Syracuse
Oct. 14	at West Virginia
Oct. 22	at Cincinnati
Nov. 3	Rutgers
Nov. 13	at Louisville
Nov. 20	Pittsburgh
Nov. 27	at Miami
Dec. 4	Connecticut

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 3-4)

Sept. 5	Wofford	W	40-7
Sept. 12	at Western Kentucky	W	35-13
Sept. 19	Charleston Southern	W	59-0
Sept. 26	at Florida State	W	17-7
Oct. 3	at Syracuse	W	34-20
Oct. 15	Cincinnati	L	17-34
Oct. 24	at Pittsburgh	L	14-41
Oct. 30	West Virginia	W	30-19
Nov. 12	at Rutgers	L	0-31
Nov. 21	Louisville	W	34-22
Nov. 28	Miami	L	10-31
Dec. 5	at Connecticut	L	27-29
Jan. 2	#Northern Illinois	W	27-3
	#International Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	26.5 ppg	5	64
Rushing	170.9 ypg	3	38
Passing	194.7 ypg	6	85
Total	365.6 ypg	5	71
Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	19.8 ppg	2	19
Rushing	135.5 ypg	6	49
Passing	186.3 ypg	1	25
Total	321.8 ypg	3	24
TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
0	0.00	5	60

HEAD COACH: SKIP HOLTZ RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 72-50 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TODD FITCH DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK SNYDER





**OFFENSE** Head coach Doug Marrone takes over as offensive coordinator with a goal of jump-starting a unit that struggled through much of the Big East season. The bubble screen-centric pathway is gone. The new plan is to attack by throwing downfield. The Orange break in a new starting quarterback, likely to be junior Ryan Nassib. He has the arm strength to accomplish the mission, though Marrone might ask Charley Loeb, Jonny Miller or John Kinder to supplement the cause.

Starting tailback Delone Carter was suspended just before the end of spring practice over an off-field incident. His potential loss could be enormous. The offensive line made marked improvement a year ago. When the ball is snapped, this unit gets push.

The receiving corps is thin in both size and numbers. Alec Lemon is a budding star and go-to receiver, and there are other workable pieces. It's Marrone's task to push the right buttons.

mix-and-match players. The problem is finding lockdown corners. It's a big enough issue that starting safety Mike Holmes could be moved to corner. Kevyn Scott, who missed spring practice with a wrist injury, has already made the move. There were some hiccups last season, but the unit showed it could be a force. Cutting down on the 24 touchdown passes allowed last season is the primary objective.

**SPECIALISTS** SU has one of the best combinations of kickers in the country in Rob Long and Ryan Lichtenstein. Long is a first-team All-Big East punter who also handles kickoffs and holding duties. He has an NFL-caliber leg that gives the Orange the ability to play the field-position game. Lichtenstein went from walk-on to dependable kicker in one season. Syracuse continues to tinker with punt and kick returners, though Averin Collier and Holmes should be in the mix. Bigger issues for the Orange include resolving the coverage units, which cost them at least one game last season (Louisville).

**FINAL ANALYSIS** A year after his arrival, Marrone believes the Orange have made significant progress. Standards have been established, and the team is becoming competitive.

The Orange went 4-8 a year ago, an improvement of only one game, but that record included wins over two bowl teams (Rutgers and Northwestern) and solid efforts against BCS teams Cincinnati and Penn State. The roster remains thin — Syracuse played its spring game with fewer than 50 players — and injuries or further defections would leave zero room for error. Even with the players on hand, several positions pose question marks.

But it's a start.

Though escaping the Big East basement is the first order of business, Syracuse fans believe a run at a bowl game is within reach, thanks in part to a manageable schedule.



DERRELL SMITH

## THE QUOTE

"The numbers still aren't good. They're still short on players. But they will be better because they were coached better last year."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

## OFFENSE (2)

WR	15 Alec Lemon (So.)	87 Aaron Weaver (Sr.)
WR	82 Van Chew (Jr.)	5 Marcus Sales (Jr.)
LT	67 Justin Pugh (So.)	78 Josh White (Sr.)
LG	66 Andrew Tiller (Sr.)	75 Zack Chibane (So.)
C	70 Ryan Bartholomew (Sr.)	72 Nick Lepak (Jr.)
RG	71 Adam Rosner (Sr.)	65 Jarel Lowery (Jr.)
RT	74 Michael Hay (Jr.)	76 Ian Allport (Jr.)
TE	80 Nick Provo (Sr.)	85 Jose Cruz (Sr.)
QB	12 Ryan Nassib (Jr.)	17 Charley Loeb (So.)
FB	49 Adam Harris (Jr.)	42 Shane Kimmel (Jr.)
TB	3 Delone Carter (Sr.)	29 Antwon Bailey (Jr.)

## DEFENSE (10)

DE	54 Mikhail Marinovich (Jr.)	91 Brandon Sharpe (So.)
NT	94 Bud Tribbey (Sr.)	55 Anthony Perkins (Sr.)
DT	51 Andrew Lewis (Sr.)	Deon Goggins (Jr.)
DE	99 Chandler Jones (Jr.)	90 Jared Kimmel (Sr.)
WLB	34 E.J. Carter (So.)	41 Ryan Gillum (Sr.)
MLB	25 Derrell Smith (Sr.)	33 Dan Vaughan (Jr.)
SLB	32 Doug Hogue (Sr.)	11 Marquis Spruill (Fr.)
CB	26 Kevyn Scott (Sr.)	6 Da'Mon Merkerson (Sr.)
CB	35 Mike Holmes (Sr.)	1 Phillip Thomas (So.)
SS	24 Max Suter (Sr.)	30 Rishard Anderson (So.)
FS	21 Shamarko Thomas (So.)	10 Dorian Graham (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	19 Ryan Lichtenstein (So.)	KR	27 Averin Collier (Jr.)
P	47 Rob Long (Sr.)	PR	35 Mike Holmes (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Nassib, 68-36-422-1, 3 TDs  
Rushing: Delone Carter, 236 car., 1,021 yds., 11 TDs  
Receiving: Alec Lemon, 29 rec., 295 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Derrell Smith, 82, 60 solo  
Sacks: Doug Hogue, 9.5  
Interceptions: Mike Holmes, 3 for 25 yds.

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Syracuse ranked No. 1 in the Big East in allowing only 102 rushing yards per game last season. SU had been last in the league the year before (189 yards per game).

**DEFENSE** The move of two former tailbacks to linebacker and the arrival of Scott Shafer as defensive coordinator have turned the Orange into an attacking and competent unit. In one season, Syracuse went from last to first in the Big East in stopping the run, always a barometer for a team's defensive efficiency.

Linebackers Derrell Smith and Doug Hogue are all-league candidates with speed (they're the former tailbacks) to run down almost anyone. The line is solid but thin. Chandler Jones (10 tackles for a loss in 2009) has the makeup to be a dominating force.

The secondary has experience with a pool of

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Akron
Sept. 11	at Washington
Sept. 18	Maine
Sept. 25	Colgate
Oct. 9	at South Florida
Oct. 16	Pittsburgh
Oct. 23	at West Virginia
Oct. 30	at Cincinnati
Nov. 6	Louisville
Nov. 13	at Rutgers
Nov. 20	Connecticut
Nov. 27	Boston College

## 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 1-6)

Sept. 5	Minnesota	L (ot)	20-23
Sept. 12	at Penn State	L	7-28
Sept. 19	Northwestern	W	37-34
Sept. 26	Maine	W	41-24
Oct. 3	South Florida	L	20-34
Oct. 10	West Virginia	L	13-34
Oct. 24	Akron	W	28-14
Oct. 31	Cincinnati	L	7-28
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	L	10-37
Nov. 14	at Louisville	L	9-10
Nov. 21	Rutgers	W	31-13
Nov. 28	at Connecticut	L	31-56

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	21.2 ppg	7	99
Rushing	126.6 ypg	7	87
Passing	203.8 ypg	5	78
Total	330.4 ypg	7	94
Defense	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
Scoring	27.9 ppg	8	81
Rushing	101.8 ypg	1	13
Passing	235.2 ypg	7	85
Total	337.0 ypg	5	37
TO Margin	Per Game	Big East	Nat'l
-6	-0.50	8	97

HEAD COACH: DOUG MARRONE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 4-8 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 4-8 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DOUG MARRONE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: SCOTT SHAFER





MORGANTOWN, W.VA. MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000)

## MOUNTAINEERS

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** West Virginia finished 9-4 last season but suffered a disappointing loss to Florida State in the Gator Bowl. The good news: There are 10 starters returning on defense and six more coming back on the offensive side of the ball.

Quarterback is the biggest concern for WVU, although there is promise. With Jarrett Brown gone, sophomore Geno Smith appears to be the man. The 6'3" Smith, a highly recruited prospect two years ago, played well in spot duty last season, completing 32-of-49 passes for 309 yards. "He's the type of kid who can run it or throw it, but his biggest attribute is his ability to process," says WVU offensive coordinator Jeff Mullen.

Another area of concern is the receiving corps. Slot receiver Jock Sanders is back after leading the Mountaineers in receptions (72) and yards (688). Bradley Starks is a deep threat, and Tavon Austin proved a spark last year as a true freshman. But there is little depth behind this trio.

If there's a sore spot in WVU's 3-3-5 odd stack, it's at the safety position. The Mountaineers have a terrific playmaker in 6'5" junior Robert Sands, an All-Big East pick, at free safety. Sidney Glover is also solid. Otherwise, the pickings look slim. The corners are in good shape, though, with Brandon Hogan and Keith Tandy.

If healthy, defensive tackle Scooter Berry, nosetackle Chris Neild and end Julian Miller should form one of the Big East's finest lines. Neild may be the league's top nosetackle.

The linebacking corps will be solid if weak-side backer J.T. Thomas returns to form.

**SPECIALISTS** WVU will send out serious return threats this season. Sanders and Hogan could return punts. Austin, Devine and Sanders could return kickoffs. The Mountaineers also have a strong field goal kicker in Tyler Bitancourt, who connected on 13-of-15 field goal attempts last season. West Virginia, though, will miss punter Scott Kozlowski.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** West Virginia has the pieces in place to make a run at the Big East title. The Mountaineers have depth issues, and it's always a concern when you are sending out a new quarterback. But Bill Stewart welcomes back almost every key starter from a nine-win team. The question is, will the swagger once seen in the Rich Rodriguez-Pat White days return to Morgantown?

"Do we have the right chemistry?" Stewart asks. "Do we have the right leadership? That's what we'll find out, the telltale sign."

Stewart is looking for more consistency from an offense that was first in rushing in the Big East but sixth in scoring. He's also looking for better red zone defense. Both will be needed, especially when WVU visits LSU on Sept. 25. The immediate goal for this team, though, is to reestablish itself as a Big East power. It has a good shot at doing just that.



NOEL DEVINE

### THE QUOTE

"They really have a lot of players back — and from a good team. But they may miss (QB) Jarrett Brown more than they think."

— An opposing Big East assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	14 Bradley Starks (Jr.)	80 Ryan Nehlen (So.)
WR	1 Tavon Austin (So.)	81 J.D. Woods (So.)
SL	9 Jock Sanders (Sr.)	86 Reggie Rember (So.)
LT	64 Don Barclay (Jr.)	72 Cole Bowers (Fr.)
LG	77 Josh Jenkins (Jr.)	71 Ryan Spiker (Fr.)
C	74 Joe Madsen (So.)	63 Jeff Braun (So.)
RG	61 Eric Jobe (Sr.)	63 Jeff Braun (So.)
RT	59 Matt Timmerman (Sr.)	76 Pat Eger (Fr.)
QB	12 Geno Smith (So.)	Barry Brunetti (Fr.)
FB	32 Ryan Clarke (So.)	41 Ricky Kovatch (Jr.)
RB	7 Noel Devine (Sr.)	34 Shawne Alston (So.)

### DEFENSE (10)

DE	97 Julian Miller (Jr.)	77 Will Clarke (Fr.)
DT	93 Scooter Berry (Sr.)	99 Jorge Wright (So.)
NT	90 Chris Neild (Sr.)	94 Josh Taylor (Jr.)
SLB	45 Anthony Leonard (Sr.)	55 Branko Busick (Fr.)
MLB	31 Pat Lazear (Sr.)	52 Najee Goode (Jr.)
WLB	30 J.T. Thomas (Sr.)	42 Donovan Miles (So.)
CB	22 Brandon Hogan (Sr.)	9 Brodrick Jenkins (Fr.)
CB	8 Keith Tandy (Jr.)	1 Pat Miller (So.)
SS	32 Terence Garvin (So.)	29 Trippe Hale (Sr.)
FS	2 Robert Sands (Jr.)	24 Eain Smith (Jr.)
BS	11 Sidney Glover (Sr.)	28 Darwin Cook (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	40 Tyler Bitancourt (So.)	KR	1 Tavon Austin (So.)
P	44 Corey Smith (Jr.)	PR	9 Jock Sanders (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Geno Smith, 49-32-309-1, 1 TD  
Rushing: Noel Devine, 241 car., 1,465 yds., 13 TDs  
Receiving: Jock Sanders, 72 rec., 688 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Pat Lazear, 78, 37 solo  
Sacks: Julian Miller, 9

Interceptions: Robert Sands, 5 for 9 yds.

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WVU's appearance in the 2010 Gator Bowl marked the eighth straight season the school reached the postseason. That's the longest streak by any team in the Big East.

Otherwise, WVU seems set. All-Big East tailback Noel Devine is back with 3,381 career rushing yards (on a 6.5-yard average). The Mountaineers have a short-yardage runner in Ryan Clarke. And, although the offensive line isn't huge, every starter except Selvish Capers returns from last season.

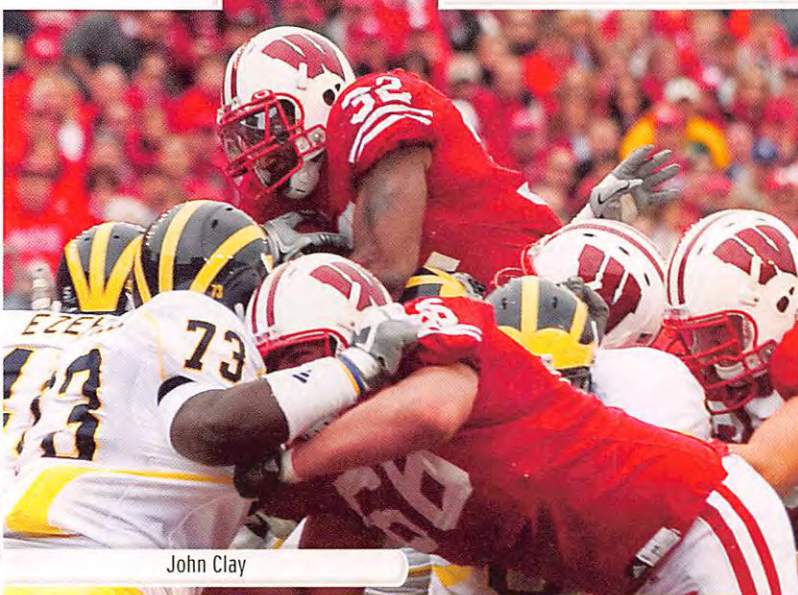
**DEFENSE** The Mountaineers lost linebacker and team leader Reed Williams but return 10 of their 11 starters. If WVU can cut down on big plays allowed and force a few more fumbles, defensive coordinator Jeff Casteel should have a strong unit.

2010 SCHEDULE	2009 RESULTS (9-4, 5-2)	2009 RANKINGS
Sept. 4 Coastal Carolina	Sept. 5 Liberty W 33-20	<b>Offense</b> Per Game Big East Nat'l
Sept. 10 at Marshall	Sept. 12 East Carolina W 35-20	Scoring 26.2 ppg 6 67
Sept. 18 Maryland	Sept. 19 at Auburn L 30-41	Rushing 186.4 ypg 1 24
Sept. 25 at LSU	Oct. 1 Colorado W 35-24	Passing 191.1 ypg 8 90
Oct. 9 UNLV	Oct. 10 at Syracuse W 34-13	Total 377.5 ypg 4 61
Oct. 14 South Florida	Oct. 17 Marshall W 24-7	<b>Defense</b> Per Game Big East Nat'l
Oct. 23 Syracuse	Oct. 24 Connecticut W 28-24	Scoring 21.7 ppg 4 31
Oct. 29 at Connecticut	Oct. 30 at South Florida L 19-30	Rushing 126.7 ypg 4 37
Nov. 13 Cincinnati	Nov. 7 Louisville W 17-9	Passing 209.8 ypg 4 46
Nov. 20 at Louisville	Nov. 13 at Cincinnati L 21-24	Total 336.5 ypg 4 36
Nov. 26 at Pittsburgh	Nov. 27 Pittsburgh W 19-16	<b>TO Margin</b> Per Game Big East Nat'l
Dec. 4 Rutgers	Dec. 5 at Rutgers W 24-21	-2 -0.15 6 70
	Jan. 1 #Florida State L 21-33	
	#Gator Bowl	

HEAD COACH: BILL STEWART RECORD AT SCHOOL: 19-8 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 27-33 (5 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JEFF MULLEN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JEFF CASTEEL





John Clay

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

		BIG TEN	OVERALL
	1. OHIO STATE	8-0	12-0
	2. IOWA	6-2	10-2
	3. WISCONSIN	6-2	10-2
	4. PENN STATE	6-2	9-3
	5. MICHIGAN STATE	4-4	8-4
	6. MICHIGAN	4-4	7-5
	7. NORTHWESTERN	3-5	7-5
	8. PURDUE	3-5	6-6
	9. ILLINOIS	2-6	4-8
	10. INDIANA	1-7	5-7
	11. MINNESOTA	1-7	4-8

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ILLINOIS	11	5	11	8	9	8	9
INDIANA	8	8	3	10	11	11	11
IOWA	4	3	6	5	1	5	1
MICHIGAN	5	7	8	4	7	6	5
MICHIGAN STATE	3	6	7	7	6	2	8
MINNESOTA	7	9	10	11	10	10	7
NORTHWESTERN	10	11	9	6	8	7	6
OHIO STATE	1	4	2	2	2	1	2
PENN STATE	6	2	5	3	3	4	3
PURDUE	9	10	4	9	5	9	10
WISCONSIN	2	1	1	1	4	3	4

Brian Ebner

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Terrelle Pryor	6'6"	233	Jr.	Ohio State
RB	John Clay	6'1"	248	Jr.	Wisconsin
RB	Evan Royster	6'1"	213	Sr.	Penn State
WR	DeVier Posey	6'2"	200	Jr.	Ohio State
WR	Keith Smith	6'2"	226	Sr.	Purdue
TE	Lance Kendricks	6'4"	239	Sr.	Wisconsin
C	Mike Brewster	6'5"	293	Jr.	Ohio State
OL	Justin Boren	6'3"	320	Sr.	Ohio State
OL	Gabe Carimi	6'7"	315	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL	John Moffitt	6'5"	323	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL	Stefen Wisniewski	6'3"	297	Sr.	Penn State

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Adrian Clayborn	6'4"	285	Sr.	Iowa
DL	Cameron Heyward	6'5"	288	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Ryan Kerrigan	6'4"	263	Sr.	Purdue
DL	Karl Klug	6'4"	270	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Ross Homan	6'0"	227	Sr.	Ohio State
LB	Greg Jones	6'1"	235	Sr.	Michigan State
LB	Brian Rolle	5'11"	218	Sr.	Ohio State
CB	Chimdi Chekwa	6'0"	190	Sr.	Ohio State
CB	Chris L. Rucker	6'2"	195	Sr.	Michigan State
S	Brett Greenwood	6'0"	200	Sr.	Iowa
S	Tyler Sash	6'1"	210	Jr.	Iowa

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Philip Welch	6'3"	198	Jr.	Wisconsin
P	Ryan Donahue	6'3"	190	Sr.	Iowa
KR	Keshawn Martin	5'11"	185	Jr.	Michigan State
PR	Tandon Doss	6'3"	195	Jr.	Indiana

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Scott Tolzien	6'3"	208	Sr.	Wisconsin
RB	Larry Caper	5'11"	220	So.	Michigan State
RB	Mikel LeShoure	6'0"	230	Jr.	Illinois
WR	Tandon Doss	6'3"	195	Jr.	Indiana
WR	Nick Toon	6'3"	211	Jr.	Wisconsin
TE	Drake Dunsmore	6'3"	235	Jr.	Northwestern
C	David Molk	6'2"	270	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Joel Foreman	6'4"	306	Jr.	Michigan State
OL	Al Netter	6'6"	300	Jr.	Northwestern
OL	Riley Reiff	6'6"	300	So.	Iowa
OL	Stephen Schilling	6'5"	303	Sr.	Michigan

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Broderick Binns	6'2"	261	Jr.	Iowa
DL	Jack Crawford	6'5"	256	Jr.	Penn State
DL	J.J. Watt	6'6"	285	Jr.	Wisconsin
DL	Ryan Van Bergen	6'6"	280	Jr.	Michigan
LB	Chris Borland	5'11"	232	So.	Wisconsin
LB	Quentin Davie	6'4"	230	Sr.	Northwestern
LB	Jeremiha Hunter	6'2"	235	Sr.	Iowa
CB	Shaun Prater	5'11"	180	Jr.	Iowa
CB	Devon Torrence	6'1"	200	Sr.	Ohio State
S	Jermale Hines	6'1"	216	Sr.	Ohio State
S	Jay Valai	5'9"	200	Sr.	Wisconsin

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Stefan Demos	5'10"	185	Sr.	Northwestern
P	Brad Nortman	6'3"	208	Jr.	Wisconsin
KR	Darryl Stonum	6'2"	193	Jr.	Michigan
PR	David Gilreath	5'11"	169	Sr.	Wisconsin



CHAMPAIGN, ILL. MEMORIAL STADIUM (62,870)

## FIGHTING ILLINI

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG TEN PREDICTION71  
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**OFFENSE** For the first time since 2005, the Illini enter the season unsure about who will be the starting quarterback. The spring battle between redshirt freshman Nathan Scheelhaase and sophomore Jacob Charest didn't produce a named starter. But Scheelhaase made a move early in the workouts and should be first up against Missouri. Scheelhaase is the better runner of the two, while Charest has a passing advantage and has actually played in a college game.

The starting quarterback will be operating a more conventional attack in 2010 thanks to the arrival of offensive coordinator Paul Petrino. Huddles, direct snaps and fullbacks, terms that were seldom used in the previous five seasons, are now the norm.

Petrino believes he has a go-to guy at tailback in Mikel LeShoure; the team's leading rusher in 2009 averaged 6.8 yards per carry.

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Illinois has defeated Michigan two years in a row, by a combined score of 83-33. In early November, the Illini will try for the first three-game win streak against Michigan in 57 years.

At receiver, Florida transfer Jarred Fayson returns after a disappointing junior season. He caught only 16 passes in his first season at Illinois, good for third on the team. The Illini expect more, like 50-plus catches. A.J. Jenkins caught 10 passes in 2009 and was ready to transfer. But the coaches talked him into staying, and he had an impressive spring.

The Illini return three of five starters on the line, led by two-year starter Jeff Allen. Guards Hugh Thornton and Randall Hunt also return.

**DEFENSE** The pain in Martez Wilson's neck was a pain for the Illinois defense in 2009. Wilson was knocked out after the opener

against Missouri and was granted a medical redshirt. The team's No. 3 tackler in 2008, Wilson returns to his position at middle linebacker. Ian Thomas, who filled in for Wilson, moves back to the outside. Sophomore Michael Buchanan will play the Bandit, a combination end/linebacker.

Senior end Clay Nurse led the team with 5.5 sacks in 2009, including four in an upset win at Minnesota. Corey Liuget is a legit All-Big Ten candidate at tackle. Opponents won't be able to pay as much attention to Liuget if Josh Brent returns after missing the spring with academic issues.

Illinois opponents completed 61 percent of their passes in 2009. Part of the problem was the youth of the secondary, where freshman Terry Hawthorne and sophomore Tavon Wilson started at cornerback. Hawthorne could be a star. Safety remains a concern, especially with part-time starter Walter Aikens' indefinite suspension in the spring.

**SPECIALISTS** No way to explain what has happened to Matt Eller. One of the team's stars in 2008 when he hit 15-of-20 field goals, Eller slumped in 2009, missing 7-of-11 and losing his job to Derek Dimke (5-of-5). It's now Dimke's job to lose. Anthony Santella returns for his fourth season as the starting punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Zook's Illinois career was given a reprieve after a second consecutive losing season. He was allowed to hire new offensive and defensive coordinators, with the idea of turning the program around quickly. It's possible, but it won't be easy. First, the schedule includes eight 2009 bowl teams. Nobody in Champaign-Urbana is asking for a Big Ten title or another trip to the Rose Bowl, but the team must show progress. If the new quarterback picks up the offense quickly and the defense makes necessary improvements, a six-win season is within the team's grasp.



MIKEL LESHORE

## THE QUOTE

"On defense, when they play together, they've been successful. It just seems like sometimes, they haven't played as one."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach.

## OFFENSE (3)

WR	8 A.J. Jenkins (Jr.)	10 Eddie McGee (Sr.)
WR	11 Jarred Fayson (Sr.)	19 Jack Ramsey (So.)
LT	78 Ryan Palmer (Sr.)	79 Craig Wilson (Jr.)
LG	66 Randall Hunt (Sr.)	73 Jack Cornell (Jr.)
C	76 Graham Pocic (So.)	61 Tyler Sands (So.)
RG	72 Hugh Thornton (So.)	69 Ryan Sedlacek (So.)
RT	71 Jeff Allen (Jr.)	79 Craig Wilson (Jr.)
TE	40 London Davis (So.)	88 Justin Lattimore (Fr.)
QB	2 Nathan Scheelhaase (Fr.)	12 Jacob Charest (So.)
FB	41 Zach Becker (Jr.)	34 Greg Fuller (Fr.)
RB	5 Mikel LeShoure (Jr.)	21 Jason Ford (Jr.)

## DEFENSE (5)

DE	97 Clay Nurse (Sr.)	85 Whitney Mercilus (So.)
DT	92 Josh Brent (Sr.)	94 Akeem Spence (Fr.)
DT	94 Corey Liuget (Jr.)	98 Daryle Ballew (Jr.)
BAN	99 Michael Buchanan (So.)	54 Justin Staples (So.)
LB	38 Ian Thomas (Jr.)	25 Ashante Williams (So.)
LB	2 Martez Wilson (Jr.)	51 Evan Frierson (So.)
LB	18 Nate Bussey (Sr.)	42 Aaron Gress (Sr.)
CB	12 Terry Hawthorne (So.)	14 Miami Thomas (Jr.)
CB	3 Tavon Wilson (Jr.)	8 Patrick Nixon-Youman (So.)
SS	31 Travon Bellamy (Sr.)	Earnest Thomas (Fr.)
FS	32 Supo Sanni (Jr.)	9 Trulon Henry (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	13 Derek Dimke (Jr.)	KR	11 Jarred Fayson (Sr.)
P	87 Anthony Santella (Sr.)	PR	19 Jack Ramsey (So.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jacob Charest, 56-28-382-2, 2 TDs

Rushing: Mikel LeShoure, 108 car., 734 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Jarred Fayson, 16 rec., 218 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Ian Thomas, 95, 57 solo

Sacks: Clay Nurse, 5.5

Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#Missouri
Sept. 11	Southern Illinois
Sept. 18	Northern Illinois
Oct. 2	Ohio State
Oct. 9	at Penn State
Oct. 16	at Michigan State
Oct. 23	Indiana
Oct. 30	Purdue
Nov. 6	at Michigan
Nov. 13	Minnesota
Nov. 20	at Northwestern
Dec. 3	at Fresno State
	#St. Louis, MO

## 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 2-6)

Sept. 5	vs. Missouri (St. Louis)	L	9-37
Sept. 12	Illinois State	W	45-17
Sept. 26	at Ohio State	L	0-30
Oct. 3	Penn State	L	17-35
Oct. 10	Michigan State	L	14-24
Oct. 17	at Indiana	L	14-27
Oct. 24	at Purdue	L	14-24
Oct. 31	Michigan	W	38-13
Nov. 7	at Minnesota	W	35-32
Nov. 14	Northwestern	L	16-21
Nov. 27	at Cincinnati	L	36-49
Dec. 5	Fresno State	L	52-53

## 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	24.2 ppg	8	81	
Rushing	200.4 ypg	2	17	
Passing	193.1 ypg	10	87	
Total	393.5 ypg	5	47	
	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	30.2 ppg	11	96	
Rushing	154.4 ypg	8	76	
Passing	248.8 ypg	10	100	
Total	403.3 ypg	11	91	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	-4	-0.33	8	83

HEAD COACH: RON ZOOK RECORD AT SCHOOL: 21-39 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 44-53 (8 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAUL PETRINO DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: VIC KOENNING





BLOOMINGTON, IND. MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,692)

**OFFENSE** An entertaining offense that kept the scoreboard blinking helped lead to a home attendance improvement of more than 30 percent last season. Points should continue to pile up in Bloomington this season. Quarterback Ben Chappell ranked fourth in the Big Ten in total offense, and he returns for his senior year surrounded by all of his favorite targets.

Chappell threw for nearly 3,000 yards and set a school record for accuracy by completing 62.6 percent of his throws. Now he must find the end zone more often (17 touchdown passes last season) while cutting interceptions (15).

"Ben knows the offense, studies it as hard as anybody and has the total respect of his teammates," IU coach Bill Lynch says. "He's just a really smart, consistent kid."

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Indiana forced seven more turnovers than they gave away last season, ranking second in the Big Ten and 19th nationally in turnover margin.

It helps that Chappell has what could be the most dynamic group of receivers in the Big Ten. Juniors Damarlo Belcher (61 catches) and Tandon Doss (77) have started since their freshman seasons. At 6'5", Belcher is taller and able to out-leap smaller defensive backs, while Doss, 6'3", never flinches from contact. Senior Terrance Turner returns as the possession receiver. Redshirt freshman Duwyce Wilson, also 6'3", strengthens the rotation. He's faster than Doss or Belcher.

Lynch knows his running game must improve from ninth-best in the Big Ten. Sophomore Darius Willis averaged nearly five yards per carry but was limited to nine games and 123 attempts by injuries. Nick Turner, a redshirt freshman, ran the fastest 40-yard time during spring practice and gives the Pistol offense a breakout threat.

Line play is often an issue at Indiana. Lynch believes veterans Justin Pagan and Will Matte provide a solid foundation.

**DEFENSE** Losses are substantial, but Lynch says the defense will be faster and improved.

Finding a way to stop the run remains job one. Sophomore defensive tackles Larry Black Jr. and Adam Replogle learned on the field last season. Indiana needs somebody to pressure quarterbacks. The most intriguing candidate is sophomore Kevin Bush, who played one season at Toledo, served three years in the military and then enrolled at Indiana.

Linebacker should be the strength of this unit. Junior college transfer Jeff Thomas enrolled in January and became an instant leader and crackling hitter at middle linebacker. That allowed Lynch to put senior Tyler Replogle, the team's second-leading tackler last season, on the strong side. Chad Sherer and Damon Sims should split the weak-side spot, and both guys can run.

The secondary needs work. Lynch moved backup quarterback Mitchell Evans to strong safety, a position he played as a freshman. A pair of junior college transfers, Andre Kates and Lenyatta Kiles, need to emerge at cornerback. Kates will arrive this summer, while Kiles is already on the two-deep.

**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker Nick Freeland must get stronger and more accurate. Punter Chris Hagerup pinned 17-of-58 punts inside the 20. Doss, already Indiana's kick returner, will add punt returns to his duties.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** This is a big year for Lynch, who has constructed one of the most exciting offenses in the Big Ten. But the Hoosiers must win more than four games to build on the enthusiasm stirred last season. They'll outscore some teams, but the defense has to stop conference opponents from pounding the Hoosiers between the tackles.



BEN CHAPPELL

## THE QUOTE

"Ben Chappell is like the guys at Wisconsin and Iowa. Very steady guys. Not anything flashy. That's not a knock, it's who they are."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

## OFFENSE (7)

WR	88 Damarlo Belcher (Jr.)	81 Duwyce Wilson (Fr.)
WR	2 Tandon Doss (Jr.)	84 Jamonne Chester (Fr.)
WR	1 Terrance Turner (Sr.)	9 Tyler Adetona (So.)
LT	72 Andrew McDonald (Jr.)	77 Josh Hager (Jr.)
LG	70 Justin Pagan (Jr.)	66 Aaron Price (Fr.)
C	60 Will Matte (So.)	62 Jordan Marquette (Sr.)
RG	79 Cody Faulkner (Sr.)	65 Marc Damisch (So.)
RT	73 James Brewer (Sr.)	68 Colin Rodkey (Fr.)
TE	41 Max Dedmond (Jr.)	86 Brad Martin (Sr.)
QB	4 Ben Chappell (Sr.)	16 Dusty Kiel (Fr.)
RB	28 Darius Willis (So.)	21 Trea Burgess (Sr.)

## DEFENSE (4)

LE	44 Darius Johnson (Jr.)	51 Terrance Thomas (Sr.)
DT	97 Larry Black Jr. (So.)	75 Nicholas Sliger (So.)
DT	98 Adam Replogle (So.)	69 Mick Mentzer (So.)
RE	93 Fred Jones (Jr.)	53 Kevin Bush (So.)
SLB	46 Tyler Replogle (Sr.)	54 Jamie Lukaszewski (Sr.)
MLB	53 Jeff Thomas (Jr.)	48 Leon Beckum (Jr.)
WLB	42 Chad Sherer (So.)	33 Damon Sims (Fr.)
CB	15 Matt Ernest (Jr.)	23 Adrian Burks (Sr.)
CB	35 Lawrence Barnett (Fr.)	22 Lenyatta Kiles (Jr.)
SS	5 Mitchell Evans (Sr.)	14 Jeremy Finch (Sr.)
FS	29 Chris Adkins (Jr.)	10 Donnell Jones (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	99 Nick Freeland (So.)	KR	2 Tandon Doss (Jr.)
P	12 Chris Hagerup (Jr.)	PR	2 Tandon Doss (Jr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ben Chappell, 428-268-2,941-15, 17 TDs

Rushing: Darius Willis, 123 car., 607 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Tandon Doss, 77 rec., 962 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Tyler Replogle, 80, 51 solo

Sacks: Adam Replogle, 4

Interceptions: Five players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Towson
Sept. 18	at Western Kentucky
Sept. 25	Akron
Oct. 2	Michigan
Oct. 9	at Ohio State
Oct. 16	Arkansas State
Oct. 23	at Illinois
Oct. 30	Northwestern
Nov. 6	Iowa
Nov. 13	at Wisconsin
Nov. 20	#Penn State
Nov. 27	at Purdue
	#Lanover, MD

## 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 1-7)

Sept. 3	Eastern Kentucky	W	19-13
Sept. 12	Western Michigan	W	23-19
Sept. 19	at Akron	W	38-21
Sept. 26	at Michigan	L	33-36
Oct. 3	Ohio State	L	14-33
Oct. 10	at Virginia	L	7-47
Oct. 17	Illinois	W	27-14
Oct. 24	at Northwestern	L	28-29
Oct. 31	at Iowa	L	24-42
Nov. 7	Wisconsin	L	28-31
Nov. 14	at Penn State	L	20-31
Nov. 21	Purdue	L	21-38

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	23.5 ppg	9	84
Rushing	117.1 ypg	9	96
Passing	247.9 ypg	4	35
Total	365.0 ypg	9	72

Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	29.5 ppg	10	91
Rushing	159.1 ypg	9	79
Passing	241.9 ypg	9	95
Total	401.0 ypg	10	88

TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
+7	+0.58	2	19

HEAD COACH: BILL LYNCH RECORD AT SCHOOL: 14-23 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 95-90-3 (17 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MATT CANADA CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BRIAN GEORGE, JOE PALCIC





**OFFENSE** Senior quarterback Ricky Stanzi has a bad habit of throwing costly interceptions, but a good habit of winning games. Iowa is 18-4 in games Stanzi has started over the past two seasons. The program was spinning its wheels until Stanzi replaced Jake Christensen as the starter early in the 2008 season. Stanzi threw 17 touchdown passes last season, including one that defeated Michigan State as time expired. But he also threw 15 interceptions, four of which were returned for touchdowns.

Stanzi will have the luxury of handing off to three experienced sophomore running backs in Adam Robinson, Brandon Wegher and Jewel Hampton. Hampton was expected to start last season after backing up Shonn Greene in 2008. But Hampton injured his knee over the summer and missed the entire 2009 season. Robinson and Wegher stepped in as freshmen and combined to rush for 1,475 yards.

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Strong safety Tyler Sash set a school record with 203 interception return yards as a sophomore last season.

The top two receivers from last year also return, including senior Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, who is on course to become Iowa's all-time leading receiver.

The biggest concern is up front, where three starters must be replaced, including 2009 Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year Bryan Bulaga. He skipped his senior season to enter the NFL Draft.

**DEFENSE** Eight starters return from a defense that at times was downright dominant. That includes All-Big Ten end Adrian Clayborn, who turned down a chance to enter the draft to return for his senior season. Clayborn was a force last year, finishing with 20 tackles for a loss, 11.5 sacks, four forced fumbles and a

blocked punt that he returned for a touchdown. What makes Clayborn ever better is his supporting cast. Four players (including Clayborn) started all 13 games up front last season, and all four return.

The biggest void on defense is at linebacker, where All-Big Ten players Pat Angerer and A.J. Edds must be replaced. Senior Jeremiha Hunter is the lone starter returning at linebacker. Hunter finished second on the team last season with 89 tackles.

Junior strong safety Tyler Sash anchors a secondary that returns all but one starter. Sash led Iowa with six interceptions last season and was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award.

**SPECIALISTS** One key to Iowa's success under Ferentz has been outstanding play on special teams. With the starting punter and kicker from last season and another proven kicker all returning, that strong play should continue. Senior punter Ryan Donahue has twice been a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award. Senior kicker Daniel Murray also returns after making 19-of-26 field goal attempts last season. But if he struggles, Iowa could turn to sophomore Trent Mossbrucker, who shared the kicking duties with Murray in 2008 before being redshirted last season. Johnson-Koulianos is a force as a kick returner (31.5-yard average last season).

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The pieces are in place for Iowa to make a serious run at its first Big Ten title since 2004, including a favorable schedule. After playing most of its toughest games on the road last year, Iowa now gets to face Iowa State, Penn State, Wisconsin, Michigan State and Ohio State at Kinnick Stadium this fall. The Hawkeyes have won 44 of their last 53 games at home.

Iowa is loaded at running back, at receiver and on defense. If injuries don't become a problem, another double-digit win season seems within reach.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Eastern Illinois
Sept. 11	Iowa State
Sept. 18	at Arizona
Sept. 25	Ball State
Oct. 2	Penn State
Oct. 16	at Michigan
Oct. 23	Wisconsin
Oct. 30	Michigan State
Nov. 6	at Indiana
Nov. 13	at Northwestern
Nov. 20	Ohio State
Nov. 27	at Minnesota

## 2009 RESULTS (11-2, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Northern Iowa	W	17-16
Sept. 12	at Iowa State	W	35-3
Sept. 19	Arizona	W	27-17
Sept. 26	at Penn State	W	21-10
Oct. 3	Arkansas State	W	24-21
Oct. 10	Michigan	W	30-28
Oct. 17	at Wisconsin	W	20-10
Oct. 24	at Michigan State	W	15-13
Oct. 31	Indiana	W	42-24
Nov. 7	Northwestern	L	10-17
Nov. 14	at Ohio State	L (ot)	24-27
Nov. 21	Minnesota	W	12-0
Jan. 5	#Georgia Tech	W	24-14
	#Orange Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	23.2 ppg	10	86	
Rushing	114.2 ypg	10	99	
Passing	222.1 ypg	6	55	
Total	336.3 ypg	10	89	
	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	15.4 ppg	3	8	
Rushing	123.6 ypg	5	34	
Passing	152.9 ypg	1	4	
Total	276.5 ypg	3	10	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	+2	+0.15	6	51

HEAD COACH: KIRK FERENTZ RECORD AT SCHOOL: 81-55 (11 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 93-76 (14 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KEN O'KEEFE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NORM PARKER



RICKY STANZI

## THE QUOTE

"They are the most fundamental, the most sound tackling defense in the Big Ten. They play their scheme as well as anybody plays any scheme."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

## OFFENSE (6)

WR	15 Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (Sr.)	22 Colin Sandeman (Sr.)
WR	7 Marvin McNutt (Jr.)	6 Keenan Davis (So.)
LT	77 Riley Reiff (So.)	60 Matt Tobin (So.)
LG	63 Julian Vandervelde (Sr.)	72 Woody Orne (Jr.)
C	67 Josh Koeppel (Sr.)	53 James Ferentz (So.)
RG	73 Adam Gettis (Jr.)	64 Cody Hundertmark (Jr.)
RT	56 Marcus Zusevics (Jr.)	70 Brett Van Sloten (Fr.)
TE	82 Allen Reisner (Sr.)	39 Brad Herman (Jr.)
QB	12 Ricky Stanzi (Sr.)	16 James Vandenberg (So.)
FB	36 Brett Morse (Sr.)	47 Wade Leppert (Jr.)
RB	32 Adam Robinson (So.)	3 Brandon Wegher (So.)

## DEFENSE (8)

DE	94 Adrian Clayborn (Sr.)	58 Lebron Daniel (Jr.)
DT	95 Karl Klug (Sr.)	87 Thomas Nardo (Jr.)
DT	46 Christian Ballard (Sr.)	93 Mike Daniels (Jr.)
DE	91 Broderick Binns (Jr.)	96 Joe Forgy (Jr.)
LB	42 Jeremiha Hunter (Sr.)	48 Troy Johnson (Sr.)
LB	33 Jeff Tarpinian (Sr.)	57 Bruce Davis (Jr.)
LB	45 Tyler Nielsen (Jr.)	97 Ross Petersen (Sr.)
CB	28 Shaun Prater (Jr.)	2 Greg Castillo (So.)
CB	18 Micah Hyde (So.)	4 Jordan Bernstine (Jr.)
SS	9 Tyler Sash (Jr.)	29 Nick Nielsen (So.)
FS	30 Brett Greenwood (Sr.)	40 Jack Swanson (So.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	1 Daniel Murray (Sr.)	KR	15 D. Johnson-Koulianos (Sr.)
P	5 Ryan Donahue (Sr.)	PR	22 Colin Sandeman (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ricky Stanzi, 304-171-2,417-15, 17 TDs

Rushing: Adam Robinson, 181 car., 834 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, 45 rec., 750 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Jeremiha Hunter, 89, 34 solo

Sacks: Adrian Clayborn, 11.5

Interceptions: Tyler Sash, 6 for 203 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



**OFFENSE** The offense is the focus of coach Rich Rodriguez's attention and where he spends most of his time. Last year, his attack showed flashes of the explosive potential it was known for at West Virginia, but it needs to be much more consistent. The 2009 season started off well, as U-M scored over 30 points in each of the first four games. That only happened two times — once against a weak FCS opponent — in the final eight games.

Whoever wins the quarterback job (last year's starter Tate Forcier, speedy Denard Robinson or true freshman Devin Gardner) will have avoid the big sack, yet still be a playmaker.

The Wolverines must find a running game, even if a lot of it is coming from the quarterback position. They need more downfield passing, more time of possession — in only one game did Michigan hold the ball for more than 30 minutes — and more consistency without a third quarter lull; they scored only 48 points in that quarter all year.

Late last season, receiver Roy Roundtree showed great hands and explosion, getting into the open field for big plays, but he will need a few other playmakers around him to emerge, most notably junior Martavious Odoms.

But losing the best player on each level of the defense (defensive end Brandon Graham, linebacker/safety Stevie Brown and cornerback Donovan Warren) can't be a good thing.

This defense will need to be more sound to get off the field in key situations, plus be able to handle the physicality of the Big Ten.

Michigan's front will be affected by the absence of Graham, one of the school's all-time greats, but tackle Mike Martin will be an impact player, and there are a few talented cornerbacks arriving as freshmen. How long it takes them to adjust to the speed of college may go a long way toward determining this defense's success.

As of now, U-M's defense doesn't have a weapon to fear. Until that player emerges, there will be skeptics.

**SPECIALISTS** This area will be a major concern. By the end of spring practice, Michigan still hadn't settled on a field goal kicker, even though there is a player, Brendan Gibbons, who is on scholarship and was recruited for that purpose. There also is no punter heading into the fall, but Rodriguez has said that freshman Will Hagerup will be expected to replace Zoltan Mesko.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Michigan should have a better offense as the players are more comfortable in the system. There's more talent on offense than during Rodriguez's first two years, and the coach has explosive playmakers to call on, at least at the receiver spot. But the offense will probably have to score plenty of points, because the defense inspires very little confidence.

The one advantage defensively is consistency, with the same coordinator, Greg Robinson, for the first time in four years. But if the defense struggles, it will be hard to imagine that the offense, no matter how prolific, will be able to push this team more than a game or two over .500.



TATE FORCIER

### THE QUOTE

"(Rich Rodriguez) is certainly a good football coach and that's one of the top places in the country. But right now, in the rest of the Big Ten, they don't put the fear of God into people."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	22 Darryl Stonum (Jr.)	21 Junior Hemingway (Jr.)
SLR	9 Martavious Odoms (Jr.)	19 Kelvin Grady (Jr.)
SLR	12 Roy Roundtree (So.)	6 Je'Ron Stokes (So.)
LT	77 Taylor Lewan (Fr.)	79 Perry Dorrestein (Sr.)
LG	52 Steve Schilling (Sr.)	76 Quinton Washington (Fr.)
C	50 David Molk (Jr.)	63 Rocko Khoury (So.)
RG	65 Patrick Omahiah (So.)	57 Elliott Mealer (So.)
RT	72 Mark Huyge (Jr.)	75 Michael Schofield (Fr.)
TE	86 Kevin Koger (Jr.)	80 Martell Webb (Sr.)
QB	5 Tate Forcier (So.)	16 Denard Robinson (So.)
RB	20 Michael Shaw (Jr.)	2 Vincent Smith (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	53 Ryan Van Bergen (Jr.)	99 Adam Patterson (Sr.)
DT	68 Mike Martin (Jr.)	73 Will Campbell (So.)
DE	92 Greg Banks (Sr.)	95 Renaldo Sagesse (Sr.)
LB	88 Craig Roh (So.)	42 J.B. Fitzgerald (Jr.)
LB	45 Obi Eze (Sr.)	25 Kenny Demach (So.)
LB	8 Jonas Mouton (Sr.)	52 Kevin Leach (Jr.)
S	15 Thomas Gordon (Fr.)	40 Mike Williams (Jr.)
CB	29 Troy Woolfolk (Sr.)	Demar Dorsey (Fr.)
CB	12 J.T. Floyd (So.)	2 Justin Turner (Fr.)
SS	32 Jordan Kovacs (So.)	5 Vladimir Emilien (So.)
FS	4 Cameron Gordon (Fr.)	14 Teric Jones (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	34 Brendan Gibbons (Fr.)	KR	22 Darryl Stonum (Jr.)
P	Will Hagerup (Fr.)	PR	10 Jeremy Gallon (Fr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tate Forcier, 281-165-2,050-10, 13 TDs  
Rushing: Denard Robinson, 69 car., 351 yds., 5 TDs  
Receiving: Roy Roundtree, 32 rec., 434 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Jordan Kovacs, 75, 39 solo  
Sacks: Ryan Van Bergen, 5  
Interceptions: Jonas Mouton, 2 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Michigan gave up 30 points or more six times in eight Big Ten games. Notre Dame also hit the 30-point mark vs. the Wolverines.

**DEFENSE** As much as the offense fell off, the past two defenses have been among the worst in Michigan history. Last year's problem was the inability to get off the field. Big plays always seemed to slam the Wolverines at the worst times.

With a change to a 3-3-5 scheme expected, Michigan is hoping to field an improved unit.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Connecticut
Sept. 11	at Notre Dame
Sept. 18	Massachusetts
Sept. 25	Bowling Green
Oct. 2	at Indiana
Oct. 9	Michigan State
Oct. 16	Iowa
Oct. 30	at Penn State
Nov. 6	Illinois
Nov. 13	at Purdue
Nov. 20	Wisconsin
Nov. 27	at Ohio State

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 1-7)

Sept. 5	Western Michigan	W	31-7
Sept. 12	Notre Dame	W	38-34
Sept. 19	Eastern Michigan	W	45-17
Sept. 26	Indiana	W	36-33
Oct. 3	at Michigan State	L (ot)	20-26
Oct. 10	at Iowa	L	28-30
Oct. 17	Delaware State	W	63-6
Oct. 24	Penn State	L	10-35
Oct. 31	at Illinois	L	13-38
Nov. 7	Purdue	L	36-38
Nov. 14	at Wisconsin	L	24-45
Nov. 21	Ohio State	L	10-21

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	29.5 ppg	3	41
Rushing	186.2 ypg	4	25
Passing	198.3 ypg	9	81
Total	384.5 ypg	7	59
Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	27.5 ppg	8	77
Rushing	171.9 ypg	10	91
Passing	221.4 ypg	7	67
Total	393.3 ypg	9	82
TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
-12	-1.00	11	115

HEAD COACH: RICH RODRIGUEZ RECORD AT SCHOOL: 8-16 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 113-78-2 (17 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CALVIN MAGEE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GREG ROBINSON



EAST LANSING, MICH. SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005)

## SPARTANS

**OFFENSE** Michigan State returns as much offensive firepower as any team on its schedule, and can expect additional improvement at quarterback and running back.

Junior Kirk Cousins returns after helping Michigan State rank No. 1 in the Big Ten in passing efficiency and No. 2 in passing offense last year. Cousins is fully capable of increasing his production — 2,680 yards, 19 TDs and nine INTs in '09 — and will benefit from being the unquestioned starter after splitting snaps with challenger Keith Nichol a year ago.

Sophomore running backs Larry Caper and Edwin Baker will form one of the top tag teams in the Big Ten. They combined for 895 yards on 4.4 yards per carry as freshmen. Caper needs to improve his vision, and Baker must show he can help in pass protection.

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Michigan State managed only 14 takeaways last season, worst in the league and No. 116 in the nation. Three of those turnovers were forced by the Spartan kickoff team.

Wideout Keshawn Martin is ready for stardom, possessing high-end speed and elusiveness. He averaged 22.8 yards per catch a year ago. Senior Mark Dell (82 career catches) is equally explosive. Physical B.J. Cunningham had 48 catches as a sophomore but might only be the No. 3 receiver. Honorable mention All-Big Ten tight end Charlie Gantt has added 15 pounds and combines with Brian Linthicum to form a terrific duo.

There are plenty of good pieces to work with on the offensive line. Senior D.J. Young moves from right to left tackle and should be solid. Punishing left guard Joel Foreman is in his third year as a starter. Mark Dantonio says new center John Stipek, a senior, is the most improved player he has ever coached. Pressure is on to find the right mix on the right side. There is a winning hand in here somewhere.

**DEFENSE** An inconsistent pass rush could lead to continued problems for MSU, which ranked last in the Big Ten in passing yards allowed and seventh in yards per pass attempt. The run defense should be solid, though.

Consensus All-America linebacker Greg Jones returns in the middle. The senior is a tackling machine from sideline to sideline and has improved his pass defense and blitzing skills. Fellow fourth-year starter Eric Gordon is steady and sturdy at Sam linebacker.

There is good talent and depth at the two defensive tackle positions, led by rising star sophomore Jerel Worthy. There are no difference-makers at defensive end.

Chris L. Rucker and quick-footed Johnny Adams could prove to be among the best cornerback combos in the Big Ten if the front four can get any kind of pressure. The safeties have been shaky in the past.

**SPECIALISTS** Redshirt freshman Kevin Muma and walk-on sophomore Dan Conroy were inconsistent in the spring, vying for the right to replace Brett Swenson. Senior Aaron Bates is a reliable punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Spartans will be a headache for opposing defensive coordinators, especially if the offensive line jells early. However, the short-yardage offense was anemic in 2009 and must improve.

On defense, if someone emerges as a quality, every-down pass rusher in the standard front four, the Spartans have the capacity to lurk near the top of the Big Ten standings until their late October trip to Iowa.

With Ohio State off the schedule and only four true road games, the Spartans should be bowl-eligible for a fourth straight year — the longest streak at Michigan State since 1987-90.

The Spartans need to manufacture depth in a thin secondary, and Cousins must prove calm under pressure with the game on the line in two-minute situations.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG TEN PREDICTION

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GREG JONES

### THE QUOTE

"I'm glad to hear Keith Nichol moved to receiver. He caused some problems because he could really run. He threw it well, too."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	2 Mark Dell (Sr.)	7 Keith Nichol (Jr.)
WR	82 Keshawn Martin (Jr.)	3 B.J. Cunningham (Jr.)
LT	59 D.J. Young (Sr.)	79 David Barrent (Fr.)
LG	67 Joel Foreman (Jr.)	68 Ethan Ruhland (So.)
C	66 John Stipek (Sr.)	72 Nate Klatt (Fr.)
RG	62 Chris McDonald (So.)	61 Antonio Jeremiah (Jr.)
RT	75 Jared McGaha (Jr.)	77 J'Michael Deane (Sr.)
TE	83 Charlie Gantt (Sr.)	88 Brian Linthicum (Jr.)
QB	8 Kirk Cousins (Jr.)	10 Andrew Maxwell (Fr.)
FB	44 Josh Rouse (Sr.)	47 Adam Setterbo (Jr.)
RB	22 Larry Caper (So.)	4 Edwin Baker (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	91 Tyler Hoover (So.)	52 Denzel Drone (Fr.)
DT	99 Jerel Worthy (So.)	97 Dan France (Fr.)
NG	93 Blake Treadwell (So.)	96 Kevin Pickelman (Jr.)
DE	89 Colin Neely (Sr.)	57 Johnathan Strayhorn (Jr.)
SLB	43 Eric Gordon (Sr.)	36 Jon Misch (Sr.)
MLB	53 Greg Jones (Sr.)	50 Steve Gardiner (So.)
Star	10 Chris Norman (So.)	28 Denicos Allen (Fr.)
CB	5 Johnny Adams (So.)	12 Dana Dixon (Fr.)
CB	29 Chris L. Rucker (Sr.)	32 Mitchell White (So.)
SS	11 Marcus Hyde (Sr.)	23 Jairus Jones (Fr.)
FS	39 Trenton Robinson (Jr.)	21 Patrick White (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	17 Kevin Muma (Fr.)	KR	82 Keshawn Martin (Jr.)
P	18 Aaron Bates (Sr.)	PR	82 Keshawn Martin (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kirk Cousins, 328-198-2,680-9, 19 TDs

Rushing: Larry Caper, 120 car., 468 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: B.J. Cunningham, 48 rec., 641 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Greg Jones, 154, 67 solo

Sacks: Greg Jones, 9

Interceptions: Two players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Western Michigan
Sept. 11	#Florida Atlantic
Sept. 18	Notre Dame
Sept. 25	Northern Colorado
Oct. 2	Wisconsin
Oct. 9	at Michigan
Oct. 16	Illinois
Oct. 23	at Northwestern
Oct. 30	at Iowa
Nov. 6	Minnesota
Nov. 20	Purdue
Nov. 27	at Penn State
	#Detroit, MI

### 2009 RESULTS (6-7, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Montana State	W	44-3
Sept. 12	Central Michigan	L	27-29
Sept. 19	at Notre Dame	L	30-33
Sept. 26	at Wisconsin	L	30-38
Oct. 3	Michigan	W (ot)	26-20
Oct. 10	at Illinois	W	24-14
Oct. 17	Northwestern	W	24-14
Oct. 24	Iowa	L	13-15
Oct. 31	at Minnesota	L	34-42
Nov. 7	Western Michigan	W	49-14
Nov. 14	at Purdue	W	40-37
Nov. 21	Penn State	L	14-42
Jan. 2	#Texas Tech	L	31-41
	#Alamo Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	29.7 ppg	2	36
Rushing	136.9 ypg	6	73
Passing	269.4 ypg	2	28
Total	406.2 ypg	3	38
Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	26.3 ppg	7	67
Rushing	113.2 ypg	4	24
Passing	267.6 ypg	11	112
Total	380.9 ypg	8	73
TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
-6	-0.46	10	94

HEAD COACH: MARK DANTONIO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 22-17 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 40-34 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DON TREADWELL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAT NARDUZZI





MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. TCF BANK STADIUM (50,805)

## GOLDEN GOPHERS

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG TEN PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Nine starters return, including the entire offensive line. But is that necessarily a good thing, considering Minnesota finished dead last in the Big Ten in scoring offense, rushing offense and total offense?

That is the question for Jeff Horton, the Gophers' new offensive co-coordinator. Horton has kept the basic structure of the offense he inherited, but he has implemented an attack based on the power run and the play-action pass. It all starts with the offensive line, which struggled to open holes and protect quarterback Adam Weber in 2009.

The Gophers believe a pared-down approach, more reps on fewer plays, and a year of having played together will spur a big jump in offensive line play. They are looking for improvement, in particular, from tackle Jeff Wills and center D.J. Burris.

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The Gophers finished 11th in the Big Ten in scoring offense, rushing offense and total offense. This is the kind of trifecta Minnesota will look to avoid this season.

If the line play improves, so should the running game, led by Duane Bennett and DeLeon Eskridge. Bennett led the team last season with only 376 yards.

But the biggest beneficiary of better offensive line play would be Weber, a three-year starter who had his worst statistical season in 2009. He needs more time, a better running attack and one of the young receivers to step up and replace the departed Eric Decker.

The Gophers also have a change-of-pace option at quarterback in the form of sophomore MarQueis Gray. He is a tremendous athlete who played the majority of his snaps at receiver last year. Even if he isn't the No. 1 quarterback, he will be on the field a lot.

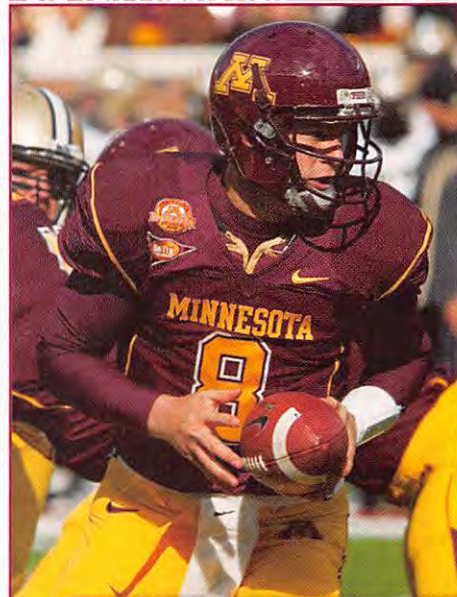
**DEFENSE** The bottom line: The 2010 defense has more athletic ability but far less experience. The unit will have at least nine new starters, and it will be on this side of the football where Tim Brewster's recruiting classes the last three years will have the biggest impact.

There is a lot of potential: Tackles Jewhan Edwards and Brandon Kirksey are experienced, but now have to lead. Tight end-turned-defensive end Ra'Shede Hageman has All-Big Ten ability, but he's still learning the position. Linebackers Gary Tinsley, Mike Rallis and Keanon Cooper are all very fast but raw. If the linebackers can jell into a productive unit and the Gophers can find a way to pressure the quarterback without blitzing — something the team couldn't do last year — the defense should be solid.

**SPECIALISTS** Punter Dan Orseske returns after a 2009 season that was short-circuited by a nasty bout of mononucleosis. He got a medical redshirt and seems set for the next four years. He has a very strong leg and was booming punts all spring. Kicker Eric Ellestad returns for his senior season having converted on 13-of-17 field goals last season. Both Bryant Allen and Troy Stoudemire return as the team's punt and kick returners. Allen averaged 12.2 yards per punt return while Stoudemire returned 43 kickoffs for an average of 24.6 yards.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It is time to take the next step. Brewster is entering his fourth season at Minnesota, and after taking the Gophers to back-to-back bowl games, it's time for the program to move forward. At least that's Brewster's plan.

It won't be easy. The Gophers will have their third offensive coordinator in three years, and their schedule — with home games against USC, Northwestern, Ohio State, Penn State and Iowa — is very difficult. Another finish near the bottom of the Big Ten standings appears likely.



ADAM WEBER

### THE QUOTE

"What I saw on tape was a team that was in an identity crisis. It looked like they were trying to be something that maybe their talent didn't match."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR 11 Troy Stoudemire (Jr.)	1 Brandon Green (Jr.)
WR 83 Da'Jon McKnight (Jr.)	4 Hayo Carpenter (Sr.)
LT 76 Dominic Alford (Sr.)	75 Brooks Michel (Fr.)
LG 68 Chris Bunders (Jr.)	65 Eric Jacques (Fr.)
C 53 D.J. Burris (Sr.)	60 Ryan Wynn (Jr.)
RG 73 Matt Carufel (Sr.)	78 Ryan Orton (Jr.)
RT 71 Jeff Wills (Sr.)	58 Ed Olson (Fr.)
TE 86 Tiree Eure (Jr.)	85 Eric Lair (Jr.)
QB 8 Adam Weber (Sr.)	5 MarQueis Gray (So.)
FB 35 Jon Hoesle (Sr.)	44 Ed Cotton (So.)
RB 23 DeLeon Eskridge (Jr.)	22 Duane Bennett (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (2)

DE 99 Ra'Shede Hageman (Fr.)	91 Kendall Gregory-McGhee (Fr.)
DT 96 Brandon Kirksey (Jr.)	97 Anthony Jacobs (Jr.)
DT 68 Jewhan Edwards (Jr.)	98 Sean Ferguson (Fr.)
DE 95 D.L. Wilhite (So.)	49 Matt Garin (Fr.)
OLB 26 Mike Rallis (So.)	8 Spencer Reeves (So.)
MLB 51 Gary Tinsley (Jr.)	17 Sam Maresh (Fr.)
OLB 4 Keanon Cooper (So.)	57 Aaron Hill (Fr.)
CB 6 Michael Carter (So.)	5 Johnny Johnson (Jr.)
CB 2 Ryan Collado (Sr.)	34 Kyle Henderson (So.)
S 3 Kim Royston (Sr.)	Herschel Thornton (Jr.)
S 27 Kyle Theret (Sr.)	9 Christyn Lewis (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 37 Eric Ellestad (Sr.)	KR 11 Troy Stoudemire (Jr.)
P 41 Dan Orseske (Fr.)	PR 81 Bryant Allen (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Adam Weber, 367-191-2,582-15, 13 TDs  
Rushing: Duane Bennett, 98 car., 376 yds., 6 TDs  
Receiving: Troy Stoudemire, 26 rec., 306 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Kim Royston, 86, 54 solo  
Sacks: D.L. Wilhite, 3  
Interceptions: Kyle Theret, 3 for 5 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Middle Tennessee
Sept. 11	South Dakota
Sept. 18	USC
Sept. 25	Northern Illinois
Oct. 2	Northwestern
Oct. 9	at Wisconsin
Oct. 16	at Purdue
Oct. 23	Penn State
Oct. 30	Ohio State
Nov. 6	at Michigan State
Nov. 13	at Illinois
Nov. 27	Iowa

### 2009 RESULTS (6-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	at Syracuse	W (ot) 23-20
Sept. 12	Air Force	W 20-13
Sept. 19	California	L 21-35
Sept. 26	at Northwestern	W 35-24
Oct. 3	Wisconsin	L 28-31
Oct. 10	Purdue	W 35-20
Oct. 17	at Penn State	L 0-20
Oct. 24	at Ohio State	L 7-38
Oct. 31	Michigan State	W 42-34
Nov. 7	Illinois	L 32-35
Nov. 14	South Dakota State	W 16-13
Nov. 21	at Iowa	L 0-12
Dec. 31	#Iowa State	L 13-14
	#Insight Bowl	

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	20.9 ppg	11	100	
Rushing	99.5 ypg	11	111	
Passing	207.0 ypg	8	75	
Total	306.5 ypg	11	109	
	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	23.8 ppg	5	51	
Rushing	151.7 ypg	7	69	
Passing	217.5 ypg	5	55	
Total	369.2 ypg	6	63	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	-1	-0.08	7	68

HEAD COACH: TIM BREWSTER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 14-24 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 14-24 (3 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: JEFF HORTON, THOMAS HAMMOCK CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KEVIN COSGROVE, RONNIE LEE





# NORTHWESTERN

## WILDCATS

EVANSTON, ILL. RYAN FIELD (47,130)

**OFFENSE** Northwestern proved in 2009 that it could survive the loss of a productive starting quarterback and will need to do so again this fall. The team hopes junior Dan Persa can follow the footsteps of his predecessor Mike Kafka, who transformed himself into an All-Big Ten quarterback and one of the nation's most accurate passers.

The Wildcats also want more balance on offense after relying almost exclusively on Kafka's right arm last season. Northwestern never truly established the run in 2009, and several candidates are in the mix for the starting tailback spot. Sophomore Arby Fields leads a group that also includes Stephen Simmons, Jacob Schmidt and Scott Concannon. Fields should benefit from a full offseason and could be the featured back the Wildcats desire.

has established some nice consistency under coordinator Mike Hankwitz after being a major weakness for most of the last decade.

Coach Pat Fitzgerald hasn't seen linebacker depth like this in years, and Quentin Davie, an underrated but productive senior, leads the way along with Nate Williams. Northwestern loses three multiyear starters in the secondary, including two first-team All-Big Ten performers, and will rely on cornerback Jordan Mabin and safety Brian Peters as it tries to build depth back there.

The defensive tackle position should be a strength, as senior Corbin Bryant leads a talented group. Northwestern needs a big season from end Vince Browne and another pass-rusher or two to emerge around him.

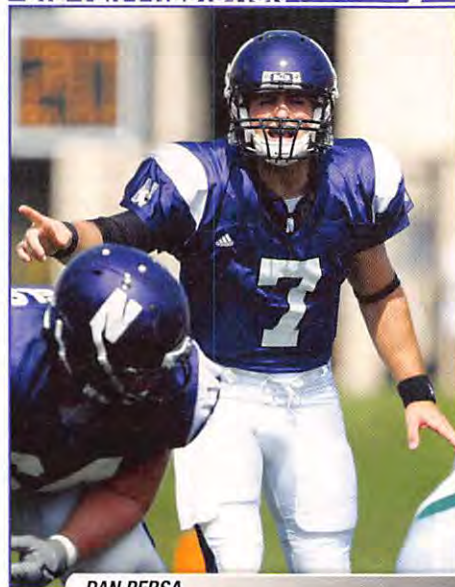
**SPECIALISTS** All-Big Ten kicker Stefan Demos returns, and he should bounce back from his Outback Bowl struggles. Northwestern wants to take the punting duties off of Demos' plate and hopes Brandon Williams or Jeff Budzien can emerge there. The return game has been mediocre at best, though Simmons, when healthy, provides a threat on kickoffs. Incoming freshman Venric Mark is pegged as the team's long-term answer at return man.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** After winning 17 games the last two years, Northwestern's challenge is crystal clear: Sustain the momentum and raise the bar.

With a new starting quarterback, a revamped secondary and questions about the run game, this is the type of season where, in the past, Northwestern likely would take a step back. But Fitzgerald has established stability not seen in Evanston for at least 60 years, and the Wildcats expect to make their third consecutive bowl game, a program first. To do so, Northwestern must revive its rushing attack, get steady production from Persa and fill the gaps in the secondary. The schedule is manageable, but the Wildcats need to start strong.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
BIG TEN PREDICTION

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DAN PERSA

### THE QUOTE

"Everybody thinks Pat Fitzgerald is doing a heckuva job. He's a little bit blustery too. He'll really pump up that, 'We don't have any players' thing. He does that."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	11 Jeremy Ebert (Jr.)	6 Charles Brown (Jr.)
WR	8 Demetrius Fields (So.)	2 Lee Coleman (Sr.)
WR	5 Sidney Stewart (Sr.)	84 Drew Moulton (Fr.)
LT	75 Al Netter (Jr.)	74 Chuck Porcelli (So.)
LG	72 Brian Mulroe (So.)	63 Keegan Grant (Sr.)
C	65 Ben Burkett (Jr.)	73 Colin Armstrong (Jr.)
RG	79 Neal Dieters (So.)	64 Doug Bartels (Jr.)
RT	70 Patrick Ward (So.)	68 Brian Smith (Fr.)
TE	9 Drake Dunsmore (Jr.)	89 Josh Rooks (Sr.)
QB	7 Dan Persa (Jr.)	16 Evan Watkins (Fr.)
RB	19 Arby Fields (So.)	25 Stephen Simmons (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	42 Kevin Watt (Jr.)	88 Quentin Williams (So.)
DT	98 Corbin Bryant (Sr.)	93 Niko Mafuli (Jr.)
DT	90 Jack DiNardo (Jr.)	91 Brian Arnfelt (So.)
DE	94 Vince Browne (Jr.)	95 Davon Custis (Fr.)
LB	41 Quentin Davie (Sr.)	31 Stone Pinckney (So.)
LB	57 Nate Williams (Sr.)	33 David Nwabuisi (So.)
LB	35 Ben Johnson (Jr.)	51 Bryce McNaull (Jr.)
CB	26 Jordan Mabin (Jr.)	22 Demetrius Dugar (So.)
CB	28 Justan Vaughn (Sr.)	21 Mike Bolden (Jr.)
SS	27 Jared Carpenter (So.)	32 David Arnold (Jr.)
FS	10 Brian Peters (Jr.)	7 Hunter Bates (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	1 Stefan Demos (Sr.)	KR	25 Stephen Simmons (Sr.)
P	1 Stefan Demos (Sr.)	PR	7 Hunter Bates (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Dan Persa, 34-20-224-2, 2 TDs  
Rushing: Arby Fields, 82 car, 302 yds., 5 TDs  
Receiving: Drake Dunsmore, 47 rec., 523 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Quentin Davie, 90, 50 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 5  
Interceptions: Brian Peters, 3 for 8 yds.

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Northwestern had 221 third down attempts in 2009, which ranked second nationally. Fortunately for the Wildcats, they finished 17th nationally in third down conversation percentage (45.7).

The offensive line could be a major strength, as NU returns all five starters (though all five aren't likely to hold on to their starting spots) and boasts depth after recruiting very well up front. Led by left tackle Al Netter, the line must improve its run blocking after taking a step back last fall.

The receiver group loses two solid players, but tight end Drake Dunsmore could contend for All-Big Ten honors, and wideout Jeremy Ebert is healthy and ready to be Persa's top option.

**DEFENSE** The defense has a clear strength at linebacker and a clear weakness in the secondary, while the line should have enough left to overcome the loss of standout end Corey Wootton. Still, Northwestern's defense

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Vanderbilt
Sept. 11	Illinois State
Sept. 18	at Rice
Sept. 25	Central Michigan
Oct. 2	at Minnesota
Oct. 9	Purdue
Oct. 23	Michigan State
Oct. 30	at Indiana
Nov. 6	at Penn State
Nov. 13	Iowa
Nov. 20	#Illinois
Nov. 27	at Wisconsin
	#Wrigley Field

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-3)

Sept. 5	Towson	W	47-14
Sept. 12	Eastern Michigan	W	27-24
Sept. 19	at Syracuse	L	34-37
Sept. 26	Minnesota	L	24-35
Oct. 3	at Purdue	W	27-21
Oct. 10	Miami (Ohio)	W	16-6
Oct. 17	at Michigan State	L	14-24
Oct. 24	Indiana	W	29-28
Oct. 31	Penn State	L	13-34
Nov. 7	at Iowa	W	17-10
Nov. 14	at Illinois	W	21-16
Nov. 21	Wisconsin	W	33-31
Jan. 1	#Auburn	L (ot)	35-38
	#Outback Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	25.9 ppg	7	71	
Rushing	117.9 ypg	8	95	
Passing	286.5 ypg	1	13	
Total	404.4 ypg	4	40	
	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	24.5 ppg	6	55	
Rushing	128.6 ypg	6	41	
Passing	221.9 ypg	8	68	
Total	350.5 ypg	5	47	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	+3	+0.23	4	46

HEAD COACH: PAT FITZGERALD RECORD AT SCHOOL: 27-23 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 27-23 (4 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MICK MCCALL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE HANKWITZ





COLUMBUS, OHIO OHIO STADIUM (102,329)

**OFFENSE** The unit that chewed up Oregon in the Rose Bowl is the one Buckeye fans were waiting to see all season. The plan now is to continue to unveil Terrelle Pryor, true dual-threat, and put away the old version of Pryor, who could make spectacular plays — and backbreaking ones — at any moment.

It will help that he can still throw to veteran wideouts DeVier Posey and Dane Sanzenbacher — as well as tight end Jake Stoneburner — and has a loaded set of backs behind him, including Brandon Saine and Boom Herron, who combined for 1,339 rushing in 2009.

“One of our first things to do as an offensive staff was to continue where we left off, not start at the beginning, not start anew,” says Darrell Hazell, Jim Tressel’s assistant head coach. “Hopefully that will include throwing the ball down the field.”

managed to convert only 30.9 percent of their third down attempts. That’s shutting them down early and often.

Look for more of the same with a potentially dominant front seven. Nathan Williams and John Simon are more than ready to help seniors Cameron Heyward and Dexter Larimore up front, and linebackers Ross Homan and Brian Rolle, the top two tacklers from a year ago, are back to help break in talented outside backer Etienne Sabino.

Chekwa and Devon Torrence return to man the corners. At safety, Jermale Hines has All-Big Ten talent, but Orhian Johnson is relatively unproven.

**SPECIALISTS** New faces bring a new outlook, although placekicker Aaron Pettrey will be missed. Devin Barclay, the hero of last year’s overtime win over Iowa, gets first shot at placements, but freshman Drew Basil can help out and also kick off. Ben Buchanan brings a strong leg but inconsistency to the punting position. Jordan Hall looks ready to help OSU’s middling return game.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** With a bevy of key returnees, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in Pryor and a schedule that includes four non-conference home games, the Buckeyes will be considered an elite team.

Winning week after week to maintain that status is going to require an effective committee approach at running back, solid special teams and a commitment to the passing game. The Buckeyes need a third receiver to emerge, and youngster Duron Carter has the tools to be that guy. On defense, Johnson or someone else needs to make good reads and fluid plays to allow coordinator Jim Heacock the confidence to continue going after opponents.

A sixth straight Big Ten title is not only possible but also expected. Beyond that, Tressel is going to have to push the right buttons to return to the BCS championship game.



TERRELLE PRYOR

779

Terrelle Pryor’s rushing total last season was impressive, but can the Buckeyes win a national title with a quarterback as their leading rusher?

The offensive line is big and potentially punishing but could continue to have trouble with elite pass-rushers. Pryor has the elusiveness to burn defensive over-aggression, but it’s a safe guess the coaches would rather he not lead the team in rushing attempts again.

**DEFENSE** This side of the ball has its share of question marks with the loss of five starters. However, cornerback Chimdi Chekwa properly summarized the mood when he said, “I don’t want to offend any offensive guys or anything, but we play defense at Ohio State. That’s what we do and that’s what we love to do. We step on the field knowing that we’re going to play great defense.”

Certainly that held true last season as OSU foes averaged only 2.9 yards per rush and

## THE QUOTE

“You always knew Terrelle Pryor would take a huge step. It was just a matter of not if, but when. He does some things that allows them to go from being typical Ohio State to really good, like when they had Troy Smith.”

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

## OFFENSE (8)

WR	8 DeVier Posey (Jr.)	9 Duron Carter (So.)
WR	12 Dane Sanzenbacher (Sr.)	5 Taurian Washington (Sr.)
LT	75 Mike Adams (Jr.)	55 Andy Miller (Sr.)
LG	65 Justin Boren (Sr.)	77 Connor Smith (Sr.)
C	50 Michael Brewster (Jr.)	71 Corey Linsley (Fr.)
RG	70 Bryant Browning (Sr.)	74 Jack Mewhort (Fr.)
RT	76 J.B. Shugarts (Jr.)	79 Marcus Hall (So.)
TE	11 Jake Stoneburner (So.)	88 Reid Fragel (So.)
QB	2 Terrelle Pryor (Jr.)	14 Joe Bauserman (Jr.)
FB	44 Zach Boren (So.)	49 Adam Homan (So.)
RB	3 Brandon Saine (Sr.)	1 Daniel Herron (Jr.)

## DEFENSE (6)

DE	43 Nathan Williams (Jr.)	98 Solomon Thomas (Jr.)
DT	72 Dexter Larimore (Sr.)	53 Garrett Goebel (So.)
DE	54 John Simon (So.)	93 Adam Bellamy (Fr.)
DE	97 Cameron Heyward (Sr.)	94 Keith Wells (So.)
OLB	51 Ross Homan (Sr.)	42 Andrew Sweat (Jr.)
MLB	36 Brian Rolle (Sr.)	39 Jordan Whiting (Fr.)
OLB	6 Etienne Sabino (Jr.)	11 Dorian Bell (Fr.)
CB	5 Chimdi Chekwa (Sr.)	18 Travis Howard (So.)
CB	10 Devon Torrence (Sr.)	3 Corey Brown (Fr.)
SS	7 Jermale Hines (Sr.)	26 Tyler Moeller (Sr.)
FS	19 Orhian Johnson (So.)	15 Nate Oliver (Jr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	12 Devin Barclay (Sr.)	KR	3 Brandon Saine (Sr.)
P	17 Ben Buchanan (So.)	PR	29 Jordan Hall (So.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Terrelle Pryor, 295-167-2,094-11, 18 TDs

Rushing: Terrelle Pryor, 162 car., 779 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: DeVier Posey, 60 rec., 828 yds., 8 TDs

Tackles: Ross Homan, 108, 57 solo

Sacks: Cameron Heyward, 6.5

Interceptions: Ross Homan, 5 for 44 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

Peter Brummet

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Marshall
Sept. 11	Miami
Sept. 18	Ohio
Sept. 25	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 2	at Illinois
Oct. 9	Indiana
Oct. 16	at Wisconsin
Oct. 23	Purdue
Oct. 30	at Minnesota
Nov. 13	Penn State
Nov. 20	at Iowa
Nov. 27	Michigan

## 2009 RESULTS (11-2, 7-1)

Sept. 5	Navy	W	31-27
Sept. 12	USC	L	15-18
Sept. 19	vs. Toledo (Cleveland)	W	38-0
Sept. 26	Illinois	W	30-0
Oct. 3	at Indiana	W	33-14
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	W	31-13
Oct. 17	at Purdue	L	18-26
Oct. 24	Minnesota	W	38-7
Oct. 31	New Mexico State	W	45-0
Nov. 7	at Penn State	W	24-7
Nov. 14	Iowa	W (ot)	27-24
Nov. 21	at Michigan	W	21-10
Jan. 1	#Oregon	W	26-17
	#Rose Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	29.0 ppg	4	49	
Rushing	195.4 ypg	3	18	
Passing	173.6 ypg	11	103	
Total	369.0 ypg	8	68	

	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	12.5 ppg	2	5	
Rushing	90.8 ypg	3	7	
Passing	171.5 ypg	2	13	
Total	262.3 ypg	1	5	

	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	+17	+1.31	1	5

HEAD COACH: JIM TRESSSEL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 94-21 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 229-78-2 (24 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIM BOLLMAN CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: JIM HEACOCK, LUKE FICKELL





# PURDUE

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500)

## BOILERMAKERS

**OFFENSE** Robert Marve will be the team's third different starting quarterback in the last three seasons, but he has the potential to be a great one, coach Danny Hope says. Marve sat out last season after transferring from Miami and also had surgery to repair a torn ACL. But he'll be ready to take over in 2010, and his athleticism could help transform the offense. He's the running quarterback Hope has wanted since he returned to Purdue three years ago but also seems to have the physical tools to succeed in slinging the ball, too. "He's a tremendous talent," Hope says. "He throws the football as well as anybody I've been around. Has velocity, arm strength. Just from a talent standpoint, he's a 'wow.'"

There's no telling how junior tailback Ralph Bolden will respond after a torn ACL suffered during spring ball — the second time he's had that injury to his right knee. When healthy, Bolden is one of the best backs in the Big Ten, but it's highly unlikely he will return to top form in 2010.

# 29

Purdue turned the ball over 29 times last season — 14 interceptions and 15 lost fumbles. That was tied for 109th out of 120 teams in the nation.

The go-to receiver is senior Keith Smith, who caught 91 passes for 1,100 yards last season. He's dominant from the slot, using his skill, strength and intelligence as a former quarterback to find openings, snatch balls and make plays after the catch. But the unit needs another receiver or two to emerge. Cortez Smith and redshirt freshman Gary Bush are athletic, speedy options.

It's the offensive line's job to allow the skill players to flourish. And that could be a challenge. The group, which returns only two starters, is "rebuilding, not reloading," Hope says.

**DEFENSE** The talent in the front seven must produce to take pressure off an inexperienced secondary. End Ryan Kerrigan is a beast who can use his strength to barrel over tackles or his speed to get around them. His high motor helped him record 13 sacks and 18.5 tackles for a loss. He's complemented by tackle Kawann Short, a unique combination of size (310 pounds) and athleticism. Once he learns to fire off the ball more consistently and use his hands better, he could become an NFL prospect.

If the line holds its own, it'll give the experienced linebacking corps a chance to make plays. There are playmakers in the group, too, with heady sixth-year senior Jason Werner, bruising middle linebacker Dwayne Beckford and rangy outside backer Joe Holland.

Purdue has to replace four senior defensive backs who combined to start 110 career games. Safety Albert Evans is the only player with experience — and his came as the nickelback last season. Most of the other options are green underclassmen.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker Carson Wiggs has a booming leg. He attempted 14 field goals of 40 yards or more and made eight of them, including a 59-yarder. The other elements of special teams are suspect. A newcomer likely will land the punting job. The kickoff coverage unit was statistically one of the country's worst in terms of yards per return (24.7 ypr).

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It's a scary proposition for the two areas rebuilding on the team to be the offensive line and secondary. Both must develop quickly for Purdue to build on its five victories in Hope's first season as head coach. The Boilermakers also must eliminate turnovers — 29 is an outrageous number. But if those things happen, Purdue could add at least another couple wins to its total in 2010.

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BIG TEN PREDICTION

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KEITH SMITH

### THE QUOTE

"Danny does a great job. I really thought he changed their attitude a little bit. They were real physical."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	8 Keith Smith (Sr.)	34 Antavian Edison (So.)
WR	81 Cortez Smith (Sr.)	4 Eric Williams (Fr.)
WR	6 Gary Bush (Fr.)	80 Xavier Reese (Fr.)
LT	68 Dennis Kelly (Jr.)	77 Ryan Prater (Sr.)
LG	67 Peters Drey (So.)	72 Justin Pierce (Sr.)
C	76 Rick Schmeig (So.)	79 Andrew Brewer (So.)
RG	73 Ken Plue (Jr.)	51 Xavier Melton (Fr.)
RT	62 Nick Mondek (Jr.)	78 Trevor Foy (Fr.)
TE	85 Kyle Adams (Sr.)	88 Jeff Lindsay (Sr.)
QB	9 Robert Marve (Jr.)	19 Caleb TerBush (So.)
RB	5 Al-Terek McBurse (So.)	1 Keith Carlos (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	94 Ryan Kerrigan (Sr.)	Rashad Frazier (Fr.)
DT	93 Kawann Short (So.)	Bruce Gaston (Fr.)
DT	91 Justin Kitchens (Fr.)	42 Kevin Pamphile (Fr.)
DE	97 Gerald Gooden (Jr.)	58 Robert Maci (So.)
SLB	24 Jason Werner (Sr.)	47 Chris Carlino (Jr.)
MLB	3 Dwayne Beckford (So.)	5 Antwon Higgs (So.)
WLB	30 Joe Holland (Jr.)	45 Will Lucas (Fr.)
CB	28 Josh Johnson (So.)	15 Charlton Williams (Jr.)
CB	10 Mike Eargle (Jr.)	Ricardo Allen (Fr.)
S	32 Albert Evans (Jr.)	22 Ishmael Aristide (Fr.)
S	29 Chris Quinn (So.)	20 Gavin Roberts (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	37 Carson Wiggs (Jr.)	KR	5 Al-Terek McBurse (So.)
P	Cody Webster (Fr.)	PR	34 Antavian Edison (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Caleb TerBush, 10-4-22-0, 0 TD  
Rushing: Ralph Bolden, 200 car., 935 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: Keith Smith, 91 rec., 1,100 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Joe Holland, 81, 42 solo  
Sacks: Ryan Kerrigan, 13  
Interceptions: Kawann Short, 2 for 15 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Notre Dame
Sept. 11	Western Illinois
Sept. 18	Ball State
Sept. 25	Toledo
Oct. 9	at Northwestern
Oct. 16	Minnesota
Oct. 23	at Ohio State
Oct. 30	at Illinois
Nov. 6	Wisconsin
Nov. 13	Michigan
Nov. 20	at Michigan State
Nov. 27	Indiana

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Toledo	W	52-31
Sept. 12	at Oregon	L	36-38
Sept. 19	Northern Illinois	L	21-28
Sept. 26	Notre Dame	L	21-24
Oct. 3	Northwestern	L	21-27
Oct. 10	at Minnesota	L	20-35
Oct. 17	Ohio State	W	26-18
Oct. 24	Illinois	W	24-14
Oct. 31	at Wisconsin	L	0-37
Nov. 7	at Michigan	W	38-36
Nov. 14	Michigan State	L	37-40
Nov. 21	at Indiana	W	38-21

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	27.8 ppg	6	58	
Rushing	136.1 ypg	7	75	
Passing	255.3 ypg	3	34	
Total	391.3 ypg	6	53	
	Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	29.1 ppg	9	89	
Rushing	173.4 ypg	11	94	
Passing	203.2 ypg	4	37	
Total	376.6 ypg	7	69	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
	-5	-0.42	9	87

HEAD COACH: DANNY HOPE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-7 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 40-29 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GARY NORD CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: GARY EMANUEL, DONN LANDHOLM





**OFFENSE** Handicapping Penn State's quarterback race is usually pretty easy. The job goes to the contender who's paid the most dues. It's a tougher call this year, because hardly any dues have been paid. The four players expected to vie for the spot in preseason practice have combined to throw 13 passes. Leading contender Kevin Newsome played in 10 games as Daryll Clark's backup last year, but usually not until victory was secure. At 6'2", 220 pounds, he looks to be a better runner than Clark. As for his passing, the evidence is inconclusive. He will have plenty of talent around him in tailback Evan Royster, a two-time 1,000-yard rusher, and an outstanding complement of receivers led by Derek Moya.

figures to start. Likewise, fifth-year senior Bani Gbadyu backed up Sean Lee and will likely inherit the opposite position. The most anticipated development, though, is the return of Michael Mauti. Before he suffered a season-ending knee injury last summer, Mauti was being hailed as a star. Assuming he's healthy this fall, he'll give the Lions a huge lift.

The secondary should be fine. Strong safety Drew Astorino had surgery to fix a shoulder injury that hindered him last season and is expected back in action by August. At cornerback, D'Anton Lynn is back and will look to fend off a challenge from up-and-comer Derrick Thomas. It wouldn't be surprising if Lynn moved to safety.

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Penn State has been ranked in the AP top 25 for 33 straight weeks and goes into the 2010 season tied with Alabama for the fifth-longest active streak.

The line is in flux. In the spring, center Stefen Wisniewski moved to guard, his original position, while starting guard Lou Eliades went to right tackle and backup guard Quinn Barham to left tackle. The changes were provisional; the Lions were looking to audition a number of tackles and appeared eager to avoid having to start a freshman. Joe Paterno came away unimpressed, calling the unit's play "very, very average."

**DEFENSE** Penn State must replace five members of the front seven that started the Capital One Bowl, but the situation isn't as dire as the numbers suggest. The Lions have a veteran returnee at nosetackle in Ollie Ogbu and a couple of rising stars in defensive ends Jack Crawford and Eric Latimore.

At outside linebacker, Nate Stupar filled in for the injured Navorro Bowman last year and

**SPECIALISTS** Collin Wagner kicked well in the bowl game, going 4-of-4 on a muddy field. But during the regular season he struggled, hitting only 4-of-10 from 30 yards or more. Sophomore Anthony Fera is looking like the most likely punter following the surprise departure of Ryan Breen in February. Other concerns on special teams involve the punt-return and coverage teams, which were dreadful in 2009.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Joe Paterno says Penn State is prepared to tweak the offense to accommodate the skill set of whichever quarterback wins the starting job. If it's Newsome, that could mean a return to a more run-centric offense, a la the one PSU ran in 2005 when it won the Big Ten title.

The Lions will have to get their act together in a hurry, because the non-conference schedule includes a Sept. 11 trip to Alabama. If they can hang with the defending national champs, they'll have a chance to build momentum. If not, they'll have to show some resilience heading into the Big Ten slate. This much is certain: Their outlook will be clearer on Sept. 12 than it is now.



STEFEN WISNIEWSKI

### THE QUOTE

"Daryll Clark is gone, thank goodness. You can beat them when they don't have a great quarterback. Unlike a Wisconsin or an Iowa, their system revolves around the quarterback more."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	6 Derek Moya (Jr.)	83 Brett Brackett (Sr.)
WR	5 Graham Zug (Sr.)	20 Devon Smith (So.)
WR	7 Curtis Drake (So.)	19 Justin Brown (So.)
LT	67 Quinn Barham (Jr.)	52 Chima Okali (Jr.)
LG	74 Johnnie Troutman (Jr.)	50 DeOn'tae Pannell (Jr.)
C	68 Doug Klopacz (Sr.)	54 Matt Stankiewicz (So.)
RG	61 Stefen Wisniewski (Sr.)	64 John Urschel (Fr.)
RT	77 Lou Eliades (Sr.)	78 Mike Farrell (So.)
TE	80 Andrew Szczerba (Jr.)	13 Mark Wedderburn (So.)
QB	12 Kevin Newsome (So.)	11 Matt McGloin (So.)
RB	22 Evan Royster (Sr.)	21 Stephon Green (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	56 Eric Latimore (Jr.)	90 Sean Stanley (So.)
DT	71 Devyn Still (Jr.)	47 Jordan Hill (So.)
DT	85 Ollie Ogbu (Sr.)	93 James Terry (So.)
RE	81 Jack Crawford (Jr.)	44 Kevion Latham (Jr.)
OLB	15 Bani Gbadyu (Sr.)	6 Gerald Hodges (So.)
MLB	42 Michael Mauti (So.)	48 Chris Colasanti (Sr.)
OLB	34 Nate Stupar (Jr.)	33 Mike Yancich (So.)
CB	8 D'Anton Lynn (Jr.)	5 Derrick Thomas (Fr.)
CB	12 Stephon Morris (So.)	2 Chaz Powell (Jr.)
SS	28 Drew Astorino (Jr.)	13 Andrew Dailey (Jr.)
FS	1 Nick Sukay (Jr.)	7 Cedric Jeffries (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	36 Collin Wagner (Sr.)	KR	2 Chaz Powell (Jr.)
P	30 Anthony Fera (So.)	PR	28 Drew Astorino (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kevin Newsome, 11-8-66-0, 0 TD

Rushing: Evan Royster, 205 car., 1,169 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Derek Moya, 48 rec., 785 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Drew Astorino, 62, 37 solo

Sacks: Jack Crawford, 5.5

Interceptions: Nick Sukay, 2 for 34 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Youngstown State
Sept. 11	at Alabama
Sept. 18	Kent State
Sept. 25	Temple
Oct. 2	at Iowa
Oct. 9	Illinois
Oct. 23	at Minnesota
Oct. 30	Michigan
Nov. 6	Northwestern
Nov. 13	at Ohio State
Nov. 20	#Indiana
Nov. 27	Michigan State
	#Lander, MD

### 2009 RESULTS (11-2, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Akron	W	31-7
Sept. 12	Syracuse	W	28-7
Sept. 19	Temple	W	31-6
Sept. 26	Iowa	L	10-21
Oct. 3	at Illinois	W	35-17
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois	W	52-3
Oct. 17	Minnesota	W	20-0
Oct. 24	at Michigan	W	35-10
Oct. 31	at Northwestern	W	34-13
Nov. 7	Ohio State	L	7-24
Nov. 14	Indiana	W	31-20
Nov. 21	at Michigan State	W	42-14
Jan. 1	#LSU	W	19-17
	#Capital One Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	28.9 ppg	5	52
Rushing	169.8 ypg	5	41
Passing	237.2 ypg	5	39
Total	406.9 ypg	2	37
Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	12.2 ppg	1	3
Rushing	89.9 ypg	2	6
Passing	184.6 ypg	3	24
Total	274.5 ypg	2	9
TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
+6	+0.46	3	26

HEAD COACH: JOE PATERNO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 394-129-3 (44 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 394-129-3 (44 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GALEN HALL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TOM BRADLEY



MADISON, WIS. CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (80,321)

**OFFENSE** When you welcome back your starting quarterback, your top three tailbacks, seven linemen who have started a game, your top four wide receivers and a pro prospect at tight end, your offense should be good. That is the unit Wisconsin should field this season as it prepares to make a legitimate run at the Big Ten title.

Senior Scott Tolzien (64.3 percent completion rate, 2,705 passing yards) was the most efficient quarterback in the Big Ten last season; junior tailback John Clay (1,517 rushing yards, 18 TDs) was the league's Offensive Player of the Year; and junior wide receiver Nick Toon (54 catches, 14.9-yard average) and senior tight end Lance Kendricks (29 catches, 12.3-yard average) are premier receiving threats.

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Wisconsin was one of six teams in the nation to average over 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing. The other five were TCU, Fresno State, Florida, Stanford and Auburn.

Tackles Gabe Carimi and Josh Oglesby headline a deep offensive line that could be the Big Ten's best. Because the line was struck by injuries last season, position coach Bob Bostad had to mix and match throughout the year. The result is that UW returns seven linemen with starting experience.

**DEFENSE** UW rebuilt its front seven after a disappointing 7-6 finish in 2008 and improved its defensive numbers dramatically in '09. Opponents rushed for 88.2 yards per game last season (a drop of 45.1 yards) and eight touchdowns (a drop of 15).

As they did last year at this time, defensive coordinator Dave Doeren and line coach Charlie Partridge must plug several holes in the front four. Junior defensive end J.J. Watt has the potential to be a first-team all-

conference pick. However, his talent won't mean much if junior Patrick Butrym and redshirt freshman Jordan Kohout can't provide solid play at tackle and if UW can't find a playmaking end (either Louis Nzegwu or David Gilbert) to complement Watt.

Linebackers Mike Taylor and Chris Borland could be dynamic if they return from offseason surgery. The secondary remains a question mark. The cornerback play was inconsistent last season, and free safety Chris Maragos must be replaced. If the cornerbacks aren't better this season and Maragos isn't adequately replaced, the pass defense will again be an Achilles heel.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior punter Brad Nortman and junior kicker Philip Welch are two-year starters and could form the best tandem of specialists in the Big Ten this season — if they continue to improve. The return games have been mediocre for the past two seasons and must be bolstered, whether it means changing schemes or adding more starters to the units.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** UW capped a 10-3 finish last season by upsetting Miami (Fla.) in the Champs Sports Bowl to record at least 10 victories for the first time since 2006. At least 36 players listed on the two-deep for the bowl game should be back. That group doesn't include center Peter Konz (blood clots) and linebacker Mike Taylor (knee), both of whom should return to the starting lineup if healthy.

UW's depth and experience on offense will rival that of most teams in the Big Ten. The Badgers led the league in scoring last season and could do so again in 2010. Now the defense needs to take another step to keep pace.

If the staff can find replacements at defensive tackle and free safety and the players can handle the pressure that will come from lofty preseason expectations — UW should be ranked in the top 20 nationally — the Badgers should contend for the Big Ten title and perhaps more.

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BIG TEN PREDICTION

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JOHN CLAY

### THE QUOTE

"They've got a lot coming back. They're a team that probably will be talked about quite a bit here in the preseason. They've got a chance to be pretty special."

— An opposing Big Ten assistant coach

### OFFENSE (10)

WR	3 Kyle Jefferson (Sr.)	6 Isaac Anderson (Sr.)
WR	1 Nick Toon (Jr.)	85 David Gilreath (Sr.)
LT	68 Gabe Carimi (Sr.)	58 Ricky Wagner (So.)
LG	74 John Moffitt (Sr.)	72 Travis Frederick (So.)
C	66 Peter Konz (So.)	72 Travis Frederick (So.)
RG	70 Kevin Zeitler (Jr.)	76 Bill Nagy (Sr.)
RT	67 Josh Oglesby (Jr.)	64 Robert Burge (So.)
TE	84 Lance Kendricks (Sr.)	82 Jake Byrne (Jr.)
QB	16 Scott Tolzien (Sr.)	5 Jon Budmayr (Fr.)
FB	20 Bradie Ewing (Jr.)	81 Rob Korslin (Jr.)
TB	32 John Clay (Jr.)	28 Montee Ball (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	93 Louis Nzegwu (Jr.)	11 David Gilbert (So.)
DT	95 Patrick Butrym (Jr.)	75 Ethan Hemer (Fr.)
DT	91 Jordan Kohout (Fr.)	Beau Allen (Fr.)
DE	99 J.J. Watt (Jr.)	97 Brendan Kelly (So.)
OLB	53 Mike Taylor (So.)	9 Blake Sorensen (Sr.)
MLB	15 Culmer St. Jean (Sr.)	9 Blake Sorensen (Sr.)
OLB	44 Chris Borland (So.)	41 Kevin Rouse (Jr.)
CB	10 Devin Smith (Jr.)	12 Dezmen Southward (Fr.)
CB	26 Antonio Fenelus (Jr.)	29 Niles Brinkley (Sr.)
SS	2 Jay Valai (Sr.)	13 Conor O'Neill (Fr.)
FS	7 Aaron Henry (Jr.)	24 Shelton Johnson (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	18 Philip Welch (Jr.)	KR	85 David Gilreath (Sr.)
P	98 Brad Nortman (Jr.)	PR	85 David Gilreath (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Scott Tolzien, 328-211-2,705-11, 16 TDs  
Rushing: John Clay, 287 car., 1,517 yds., 18 TDs  
Receiving: Nick Toon, 54 rec., 805 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Culmer St. Jean, 63, 23 solo  
Sacks: Chris Borland, 5  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at UNLV
Sept. 11	San Jose State
Sept. 18	Arizona State
Sept. 25	Austin Peay
Oct. 2	at Michigan State
Oct. 9	Minnesota
Oct. 16	Ohio State
Oct. 23	at Iowa
Nov. 6	at Purdue
Nov. 13	Indiana
Nov. 20	at Michigan
Nov. 27	Northwestern

### 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 5-3)

Sept. 5	Northern Illinois	W	28-20
Sept. 12	Fresno State	W (2ot)	34-31
Sept. 19	Wofford	W	44-14
Sept. 26	Michigan State	W	38-30
Oct. 3	at Minnesota	W	31-28
Oct. 10	at Ohio State	L	13-31
Oct. 17	Iowa	L	10-20
Oct. 31	Purdue	W	37-0
Nov. 7	at Indiana	W	31-28
Nov. 14	Michigan	W	45-24
Nov. 21	at Northwestern	L	31-33
Dec. 5	at Hawaii	W	51-10
Dec. 29	#Miami	W	20-14
	#Champs Sports Bowl		

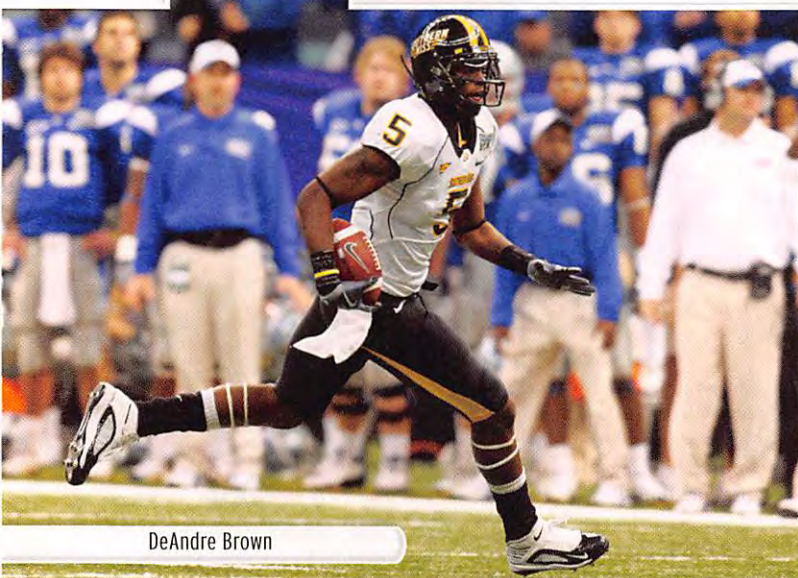
### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	31.8 ppg	1	25
Rushing	203.9 ypg	1	15
Passing	213.1 ypg	7	65
Total	416.9 ypg	1	30
Defense	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
Scoring	21.8 ppg	4	33
Rushing	88.2 ypg	1	5
Passing	217.5 ypg	5	55
Total	305.7 ypg	4	17
TO Margin	Per Game	Big Ten	Nat'l
+3	+0.23	4	46

HEAD COACH: BRET BIELEMA RECORD AT SCHOOL: 38-14 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 38-14 (4 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAUL CHRYST DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE DOEREN





DeAndre Brown

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	EAST	C-USA	OVERALL
	1. SOUTHERN MISS	6-2	8-5
	2. UCF	6-2	8-4
	3. MARSHALL	5-3	7-5
	4. EAST CAROLINA	4-4	5-7
	5. MEMPHIS	2-6	3-9
	6. UAB	1-7	3-9
	WEST		
	1. HOUSTON	7-1	10-3
	2. SMU	7-1	8-4
	3. UTEP	4-4	7-5
	4. TULSA	4-4	6-6
	5. RICE	2-6	3-9
	6. TULANE	0-8	1-11

## C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

HOUSTON OVER SOUTHERN MISS

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
EAST CAROLINA	7	8	3	5	4	10	2
HOUSTON	1	3	1	4	9	3	6
MARSHALL	6	5	6	6	3	4	3
MEMPHIS	8	9	10	3	8	9	9
RICE	9	7	11	10	10	12	12
SMU	3	12	2	2	5	5	5
SOUTHERN MISS	2	6	5	9	1	2	4
TULANE	11	10	12	12	12	11	10
TULSA	5	4	4	11	7	8	7
UAB	12	11	9	8	6	6	8
UCF	10	2	7	7	2	1	1
UTEP	4	1	8	1	11	7	11

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Case Keenum	6'2"	210	Sr.	Houston
RB	Donald Buckram	5'10"	195	Sr.	UTEP
RB	Brynn Harvey	6'1"	207	Jr.	UCF
WR	DeAndre Brown	6'6"	231	Jr.	Southern Miss
WR	James Cleveland	6'2"	205	Sr.	Houston
TE	Lee Smith	6'6"	267	Sr.	Marshall
C	Cameron Zipp	6'1"	282	Sr.	Southern Miss
OL	Kelvin Beachum	6'3"	298	Jr.	SMU
OL	Jah Reid	6'7"	326	Sr.	UCF
OL	Dominik Riley	6'5"	310	Sr.	Memphis
OL	Alex Solot	6'8"	310	Sr.	UTEP

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Cordarro Law	6'2"	251	Jr.	Southern Miss
DL	Bruce Miller	6'2"	255	Sr.	UCF
DL	Dontari Poe	6'5"	350	So.	Memphis
DL	Scott Solomon	6'3"	265	Sr.	Rice
LB	Mario Harvey	6'0"	250	Sr.	Marshall
LB	Marcus McGraw	6'0"	210	Jr.	Houston
LB	Korey Williams	6'2"	233	Jr.	Southern Miss
CB	Emanuel Davis	5'11"	190	Jr.	East Carolina
CB	Josh Robinson	5'10"	186	So.	UCF
S	Braxton Amy	6'0"	205	Sr.	UTEP
S	Travis Bradshaw	6'1"	200	Jr.	Rice

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Kevin Fitzpatrick	6'2"	188	Jr.	Tulsa
P	Michael Such	6'2"	209	Sr.	Tulsa
KR	Tyron Carrier	5'8"	163	Jr.	Houston
PR	Damaris Johnson	5'8"	170	Jr.	Tulsa

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Kyle Padron	6'4"	210	So.	SMU
RB	Sam McGuffie	6'0"	200	So.	Rice
RB	Charles Sims	6'0"	195	So.	Houston
WR	Dwayne Harris	6'0"	205	Sr.	East Carolina
WR	Damaris Johnson	5'8"	170	Jr.	Tulsa
TE	Jeffrey Anderson	6'3"	255	Sr.	UAB
C	Tanner Cullumber	6'4"	300	Sr.	UTEP
OL	Tyler Holmes	6'4"	307	Jr.	Tulsa
OL	Matt McCants	6'7"	295	Jr.	UAB
OL	Scott Mitchell	6'4"	290	Sr.	Rice
OL	D.J. Scott	6'6"	323	Sr.	East Carolina

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Vinny Curry	6'4"	252	Jr.	Marshall
DL	Cory Dorris	6'4"	255	So.	Tulsa
DL	Anthony Gray	6'0"	314	Sr.	Southern Miss
DL	Taylor Thompson	6'6"	276	Jr.	SMU
LB	Derrick Hallman	6'0"	218	Sr.	UCF
LB	Ronnie Thornton	6'3"	255	Jr.	Southern Miss
LB	Lawrence Young	6'0"	220	Sr.	UCF
CB	C.J. Bailey	5'10"	184	Sr.	Southern Miss
CB	Travis Simmons	5'10"	177	Sr.	East Carolina
S	Omar Brown	5'11"	194	Jr.	Marshall
S	Kemal Ishmael	5'11"	194	So.	UCF

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Matt Szymanski	6'1"	196	Sr.	SMU
P	Kyle Martens	6'6"	200	Jr.	Rice
KR	Dwayne Harris	6'0"	205	Sr.	East Carolina
PR	Tracy Lampley	5'9"	170	So.	Southern Miss





# EAST CAROLINA

## PIRATES

GREENVILLE, N.C. DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000)

**OFFENSE** The Pirates want to air it out under new coach Ruffin McNeill, but they came out of spring unsettled at the quarterback position. Sophomore walk-on Brad Wornick had the best command of the new spread offense, but he'll get a challenge from junior college transfer Dominique Davis, a three-game starter at Boston College in 2008. Davis instantly becomes the most experienced quarterback on campus this fall.

Whoever is pitching it, though, the Pirates have plenty of talented receivers to catch it. Leading the group is ECU all-time receptions leader Dwayne Harris and incoming junior college transfer Lance Lewis, who averaged 17.3 yards per catch last season at East Mississippi Community College. Harris caught 83 passes for 978 yards last year, and he should get even more opportunities this season in coordinator Lincoln Riley's system.

# 26

East Carolina has won 26 games over the past three seasons — the best three-year run at the school since the mid-1970s, when Pat Dye was the head coach.

The offensive line, too, looks robust, anchored by senior guard Cory Dowless. This group, which gave up the fewest sacks in Conference USA last year, will have a different look with wider splits as part of the spread attack.

There are questions in the backfield, where lightly used senior Jonathan Williams may be the best option to replace 1,000-yard rusher Dominique Lindsay. Keep an eye on redshirt freshman Michael Dobson, too.

**DEFENSE** The bad news is that the entire front seven off a stout defense that led C-USA in scoring defense (21.9 ppg) is gone. The good news for the new aggressive blitzing package McNeill is installing is that all-conference

honoree Emanuel Davis and fellow starter Travis Simmons are back at the corners, and the secondary is easily the strength of the unit.

Interior defensive linemen Josh Smith and Michael Brooks (All-Freshman-C-USA in '09) must generate some heat up front, and new starting linebackers Matt Thompson, Steve Spence and Dustin Lineback need to make plays like their predecessors.

Much of East Carolina's success last season, when the Pirates went 9–5 and repeated as Conference USA champs, revolved around the 34 turnovers that they forced, a figure that ranked fifth in the nation.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior Ben Ryan and redshirt freshman Matt Millisor will handle the punting and kicking duties in some as-yet-to-be-determined manner. But the return game is in good hands with Harris handling kickoffs and Simmons fielding punts. Harris averaged 27.0 yards on kick returns with three scores.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** East Carolina lost 28 seniors and a few underclassmen who will be hard to replace. Someone needs to lock up the quarterback spot and start dishing the ball to that great receiving corps behind a solid offensive line. The running game could be an issue all season.

The defense lost nine starters, and a few of them will be playing in the NFL this fall. Davis and Simmons are solid at the corners, and there's depth in the secondary, but new coordinator Brian Mitchell has to generate pass rush out of a front seven that's long on enthusiasm but short on experience and proven playmakers. Likewise, the kicking game is rebuilding.

It's a lot of ifs and maybes — through no fault of enthusiastic ECU alum McNeill and his staff — for a team that has been building a national profile in recent seasons. The Pirates will take a step back but hopefully not be walking off the plank.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
C-USA EAST PREDICTION

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DWAYNE HARRIS

### THE QUOTE

"This is not a stepping-stone hop for Ruff. This is where I want to be until you all take me away from here. You'll have to drag me away."

— Coach Ruffin McNeill

### OFFENSE (4)

WR 17 Dwayne Harris (Sr.)	89 Mike Price (Fr.)
WR 81 Darryl Freeney (Jr.)	82 Joe Womack (Jr.)
WR 19 Andrew Bodenheimer (So.)	22 Michael Bowman (Jr.)
WR Lance Lewis (Jr.)	15 Reese Wiggins (Fr.)
LT 69 Willie Smith (Sr.)	66 D.J. Scott (Sr.)
LG 66 D.J. Scott (Sr.)	78 Jordan Davis (Fr.)
C 68 Will Towery (Jr.)	76 Dalton Faulds (So.)
RG 75 Cory Dowless (Sr.)	78 Jordan Davis (Fr.)
RT 79 Steven Baker (Jr.)	67 Grant Harner (Fr.)
QB 9 Brad Wornick (So.)	Dominique Davis (Jr.)
RB 2 Jonathan Williams (Sr.)	33 Norman Whitley (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (2)

DE 94 Maurice Mercer (Jr.)	Maurice Falls (Fr.)
DT 91 Josh Smith (Sr.)	99 Antonio Allison (Jr.)
DT 92 Michael Brooks (So.)	55 Robert Jones (So.)
DE 98 Matt Milner (Fr.)	96 Jimmy Booth (Fr.)
OLB 47 Dustin Lineback (Sr.)	57 Lamar McLendon (So.)
MLB 51 Steve Spence (Jr.)	9 Melvin Patterson (Sr.)
OLB 28 Matt Thompson (Jr.)	40 Cliff Perryman (Jr.)
CB 38 Emanuel Davis (Jr.)	25 Leonard Paulk (So.)
CB 12 Travis Simmons (Sr.)	21 Rahkeem Morgan (So.)
SS Bradley Jacobs (Jr.)	11 Darryl Reynolds (Sr.)
FS 26 Derek Blacknall (Jr.)	27 Devon Wallace (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 12 Ben Ryan (Jr.)	KR 17 Dwayne Harris (Sr.)
P Matt Millisor (Fr.)	PR 12 Travis Simmons (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Josh Jordan, 7-5-61-0, 0 TD  
Rushing: Giovanni Ruffin, 84 car., 308 yds., 5 TDs  
Receiving: Dwayne Harris, 83 rec., 978 yds., 7 TDs  
Tackles: Emanuel Davis, 69, 51 solo  
Sacks: Josh Smith, 4  
Interceptions: Emanuel Davis, 2 for 42 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	Tulsa
Sept. 11	Memphis
Sept. 18	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 2	at North Carolina
Oct. 9	at Southern Miss
Oct. 16	NC State
Oct. 23	Marshall
Oct. 30	at UCF
Nov. 6	Navy
Nov. 11	at UAB
Nov. 20	at Rice
Nov. 26	SMU

### 2009 RESULTS (9-5, 7-1)

Sept. 5	Appalachian State	W	29–24
Sept. 12	at West Virginia	L	20–35
Sept. 19	at North Carolina	L	17–31
Sept. 26	UCF	W	19–14
Oct. 3	at Marshall	W	21–17
Oct. 10	at SMU	L	21–28
Oct. 17	Rice	W	49–13
Oct. 27	at Memphis	W	38–19
Nov. 5	Virginia Tech	L	3–16
Nov. 15	at Tulsa	W	44–17
Nov. 21	UAB	W	37–21
Nov. 28	Southern Miss	W	25–20
Dec. 5	Houston	W	38–32
Jan. 2	#Arkansas	L (ot)	17–20
	#Liberty Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	27.0 ppg	7	62
Rushing	152.1 ypg	4	56
Passing	217.4 ypg	6	58
Total	369.4 ypg	8	67
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	21.9 ppg	1	36
Rushing	120.3 ypg	2	27
Passing	258.0 ypg	7	107
Total	378.3 ypg	3	71
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
+11	+0.79	1	9

HEAD COACH: RUFFIN MCNEILL RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 1–0 (FIRST FULL SEASON)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: LINCOLN RILEY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRIAN MITCHELL



HUNTINGTON, W.VA. JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,019)

## THUNDERING HERD

**THE HERD**  
NATIONAL FORECAST **87**  
C-USA EAST PREDICTION **3**

**OFFENSE** Senior quarterback Brian Anderson started all 13 games last season, throwing 14 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. But he will have plenty of competition in the fall. Willy Korn is transferring from Clemson and will battle Anderson for the job. Korn was a highly touted recruit out of South Carolina, but his three-year career at Clemson was marked by injuries and disappointment.

At running back, Martin Ward will take over for Darius Marshall. Ward showed flashes late in the season with 136 yards against SMU and an MVP performance in the bowl victory with 75 yards and two touchdowns on only 10 carries.

Wide receiver is one of the deepest positions, which will make the transition to a spread offense easier. In addition to having starters Antavious Wilson and Chuck Walker returning, Marshall will also have Courtney Edmonson and Troy Evans back — two players who were slated to start in 2009 but lost their seasons due to injury. Wilson led the team with 60 catches and 724 yards last year on his way to C-USA All-Freshman honors. Walker had 33 catches in 2009, and Edmonson and Evans jumped back into action in spring ball with little dropoff. At tight end, Lee Smith returns for his senior season.

all-league honorable mention honors last season. Curry will be counted on to pressure opposing quarterbacks. In the middle, Brandon Bullock and Delvin Johnson form a husky duo that should be tough against the run.

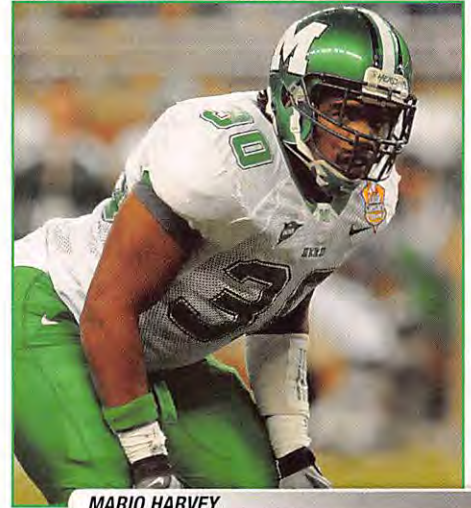
Linebacker Mario Harvey is the Herd's top player and only true All-America candidate. Harvey was labeled the best player ex-defensive coordinator Rick Minter ever coached in Minter's 32 years, which includes stops at Notre Dame, South Carolina and NC State. At middle linebacker, junior Kellen Harris returns, with Devin Arrington expected to get the final starting spot.

There is plenty of experience and ability at corner. DeQuan Bembry returns after an honorable mention all-league season. Ahmed Shakoor also started last season, and D.J. Wingate (six career starts) will see the field in nickel and dime packages. At safety, Omar Brown returns, and Kevin Perry is the leading candidate to start opposite him, with incoming freshman Brian Robinson slated to get a good look in August.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior Tyler Warner will take over placekicking duties. Warner was 3-of-5 as a freshman but did not attempt a field goal last season. Kase Whitehead returns after averaging 39.2 yards per punt last year, and sophomore Andre Booker helped the Herd to a No. 27 national ranking in punt returns a year ago.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The cupboard is hardly bare for new coach Doc Holliday. Marshall is coming off a 7-6 season that included a win in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl and returns 14 starters. Holliday also reinforced his reputation as an ace recruiter with a Florida-based class that will have an impact this season and in the years to come.

The Herd could never quite hit its stride under Mark Snyder, but the pieces are in place for the new staff to enjoy some success in its first season.



MARIO HARVEY

### THE QUOTE

"I keep hearing we have a lot of talent, but no one here has won a championship. We have a long way to go to get where we want to be, and that is winning conference championships."

— Coach Doc Holliday

### OFFENSE (7)

WR 84 Chuck Walker (Sr.)	4 Troy Evans (Jr.)
WR 82 Antavious Wilson (So.)	3 Aaron Dobson (So.)
WR 80 Courtney Edmonson (Sr.)	11 Wayne Bonner (Sr.)
LT 78 Brandon Campbell (Sr.)	77 Jordan Jeffries (Fr.)
LG 64 John Bruhin (Jr.)	68 Landis Provancha (Sr.)
C 71 Chad Schofield (Sr.)	63 Chris Bowers (So.)
RG 73 Ryan Tillman (Jr.)	67 Eric Vint (Sr.)
RT 75 C.J. Wood (Jr.)	74 Alex Schooler (Fr.)
TE 16 Lee Smith (Sr.)	86 Jamie Hatten (So.)
QB 12 Brian Anderson (Sr.)	Willy Korn (Jr.)
RB 29 Martin Ward (So.)	2 Terrell Edwards-Maye (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE 90 Michael Janac (Sr.)	88 James Rouse (Fr.)
DT 93 Brandon Bullock (Jr.)	91 Johnny Jones (Sr.)
DT 98 Delvin Johnson (Jr.)	59 Colton Griffis (Fr.)
DE 99 Vinny Curry (Jr.)	77 DeMetrius Thompson (Sr.)
OLB 30 Mario Harvey (Sr.)	47 Tyson Gale (Jr.)
MLB 35 Kellen Harris (Jr.)	48 George Carpenter (Jr.)
OLB 25 Devin Arrington (So.)	Trevor Black (Fr.)
CB 17 DeQuan Bembry (Jr.)	15 D.J. Wingate (Sr.)
CB 6 Ahmed Shakoor (Jr.)	15 D.J. Wingate (Sr.)
SS 31 Omar Brown (Jr.)	49 Pete Culicerto (Sr.)
FS 22 Kevin Perry (Sr.)	18 Donald Brown (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 37 Tyler Warner (Jr.)	KR 38 Andre Booker (So.)
P 41 Kase Whitehead (Jr.)	PR 38 Andre Booker (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Brian Anderson, 398-231-2,646-13, 14 TDs  
Rushing: Martin Ward, 82 car., 393 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: Antavious Wilson, 60 rec., 724 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Mario Harvey, 117, 45 solo  
Sacks: Mario Harvey, 7  
Interceptions: DeQuan Bembry, 3 for 0 yds.

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Marshall is 118-19 all-time at Joan C. Edwards Stadium for a gaudy winning percentage of .861.

Three starting offensive linemen are back, led by center Chad Schofield. The senior missed Marshall's bowl win with a knee injury and sat out spring practice, but he is expected to be 100 percent by fall.

**DEFENSE** Marshall's defensive line should be among the best in the league. Defensive ends Michael Janac and Vinny Curry both earned

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Ohio State
Sept. 10	West Virginia
Sept. 18	at Bowling Green
Sept. 25	Ohio
Oct. 2	at Southern Miss
Oct. 13	UCF
Oct. 23	at East Carolina
Oct. 30	UTEP
Nov. 6	at UAB
Nov. 13	Memphis
Nov. 20	at SMU
Nov. 27	Tulane

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Southern Illinois	W	31-28
Sept. 12	at Virginia Tech	L	10-52
Sept. 19	Bowling Green	W	17-10
Sept. 26	at Memphis	W	27-16
Oct. 3	East Carolina	L	17-21
Oct. 10	at Tulane	W	31-10
Oct. 17	at West Virginia	L	7-24
Oct. 24	UAB	W	27-7
Nov. 1	at UCF	L	20-21
Nov. 14	Southern Miss	L	20-27
Nov. 21	SMU	W	34-31
Nov. 28	at UTEP	L	21-52
Dec. 26	#Ohio	W	21-17
#Little Caesars Pizza Bowl			

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	21.8 ppg	10	96	
Rushing	142.7 ypg	7	65	
Passing	206.4 ypg	10	77	
Total	349.1 ypg	9	81	
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	24.3 ppg	3	54	
Rushing	134.9 ypg	4	48	
Passing	236.9 ypg	4	90	
Total	371.8 ypg	2	66	
	TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	-4	-0.31	9	81

HEAD COACH: DOC HOLLIDAY RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON  
CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BILL LEGG, TONY PETERSEN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHRIS RIPPON





# MEMPHIS

## TIGERS

MEMPHIS, TENN. LIBERTY BOWL (61,000)

**OFFENSE** Quarterback Tyler Bass, who has battled injuries during his career, returns after playing in four games a year ago. A former Maryland signee, Bass was brought in by the previous staff to run the spread offense but will have to adapt to the pro-style attack implemented by new offensive coordinator Eric Price. He will be pushed by Miami transfer Cannon Smith and junior college transfer Andy Summerlin, who, at 6'5" and 230 pounds, has the ideal build to run the new offense. Summerlin, who suffered a shoulder injury in the spring, also possesses quick feet and a strong arm. Smith is five inches shorter than Summerlin but has the necessary arm strength and leadership skills.

The team's top returning back is former Wisconsin transfer Lance Smith, who appeared in eight games last season and will be recovering from a broken leg suffered in spring practice. Marcus Hightower showed flashes of big-play potential during limited play as a freshman, but may end up at receiver. Jerrell Rhodes, a former North Carolina signee, could be the program's next 1,000-yard rusher.

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New Tiger coach and Memphis alum Larry Porter gained 53 yards in 1990 on his first collegiate carry, which resulted in a touchdown against Arkansas State.

Miami (Fla.) transfer Jermaine McKenzie and junior college transfer Dejarrius Adams lead a receiving corps that includes sophomore Marcus Rucker and speedster Billy Foster, who sat out last season with a broken ankle.

The offensive line will be a team strength as five players who have started return, led by guard Dominik Riley, a three-year starter.

**DEFENSE** A staff overhaul created by the dismissal of head coach Tommy West brought in former Michigan assistant Jay Hopson to

revive one of the nation's worst defenses. Also on hand is respected defensive line coach Mike DuBose, the former Alabama head coach. DuBose will work with key returnees Dontari Poe, Frank Trotter and Charlie Bryant. Trotter, a junior tackle, is the unit's leading returning tackler with 36. Poe emerged as a force last season and ended the year with seven tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles, two sacks and a spot on the league's all-freshman team.

The team's top linebacker will be former Mississippi State transfer Jamon Hughes, who led the team with 87 tackles and operates with an intensity that the coaches admire.

The secondary has been an area of concern for the Tigers the past few seasons. Safety Marcus Ball, a one-time Florida State Seminole, was solid in his first season as a Tiger. Cornerback shortcomings must be addressed.

**SPECIALISTS** Replacing punter/kicker Matt Reagan will be a priority in the fall. Sophomore Paulo Henriques, who handled kickoffs last season, is the likely kicker. The Tigers also must improve their return game. Memphis averaged 3.0 yards per punt return, last in C-USA and 119th in the nation.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Larry Porter, the Tigers' 38-year-old new head coach, brings a new enthusiasm — and a strong sense of discipline — to the program. But this is a team with too many shortcomings to make a run at a C-USA division title. The Tigers will be relatively inexperienced at quarterback, and none of the running backs has much FBS experience. But there is a veteran offensive line to give the young quarterbacks time to develop, and the receiving corps shows promise.

In the best-case scenario, if a quarterback emerges who can get the ball to an unheralded, but talented, receiving corps, and a woeful defense can show improvement, a .500 record is an outside possibility.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
C-USA FAST PREDICTION

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JAMON HUGHES

### THE QUOTE

"The bottom line is, the days of building a program in three, four or five years is over with. We have to operate with the mindset that what has to be done has to be done now. That's the way we are going to approach it."

— New coach Larry Porter

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	9 Jermaine McKenzie (Jr.)	6 Billy Foster (Jr.)
WR	18 Marcus Rucker (So.)	86 Curtis Johnson (So.)
WR	82 Dejarrius Adams (Jr.)	1 Cam Baker (Jr.)
LT	75 Ronald Leary (Jr.)	63 Jordan Miller (Fr.)
LG	67 Joel McCleod (Jr.)	60 Ricky Hart (Fr.)
C	66 Brad Paul (Sr.)	61 Michael Antonescu (Jr.)
RG	64 Dominik Riley (Sr.)	65 Colton Jenkins (Jr.)
RT	71 Jamie McCoy (So.)	72 Kindly Jacques (Sr.)
TE	81 Deven Onarheim (Sr.)	80 Brooks Johnson (Fr.)
QB	16 Cannon Smith (So.)	13 Tyler Bass (So.)
RB	22 Jerrell Rhodes (Fr.)	3 Gregory Ray (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	50 Winston Bowns (Sr.)	33 Justin Thompson (Sr.)
DT	74 Dontari Poe (So.)	55 Jimmy Robinson (Fr.)
DT	76 Charlie Bryant (Sr.)	59 Johnnie Farms (Fr.)
DE	62 Frank Trotter (Jr.)	58 Lester Lawson (Sr.)
LB	23 Terrence Thomas (Jr.)	14 DeRon Furr (So.)
LB	36 Jamon Hughes (Sr.)	44 Ricky Holloway (So.)
LB	93 Dasmine Cathey (Jr.)	28 Jeremy Longstreet (Sr.)
CB	4 Darius Davis (Sr.)	17 Randy Powell (Fr.)
CB	12 Mohammed Seisay (Fr.)	46 Bryan Wright (Sr.)
SS	34 Derek Smith (Fr.)	21 Tremaine McKenzie (So.)
FS	1 Marcus Ball (Sr.)	27 John McArthur (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	98 Paulo Henriques (So.)	KR	2 Marcus Hightower (So.)
P	48 Josh Booker (Jr.)	PR	6 Billy Foster (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tyler Bass, 81-53-673-4, 6 TDs  
Rushing: Tyler Bass, 42 car., 180 yds., 1 TD  
Receiving: Cam Baker, 20 rec., 149 yds., 0 TD  
Tackles: Jamon Hughes, 87, 46 solo  
Sacks: Dontari Poe, 2  
Interceptions: Bryan Wright, 2 for 29 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Mississippi State
Sept. 11	at East Carolina
Sept. 18	Middle Tennessee
Sept. 25	at UTEP
Oct. 2	Tulsa
Oct. 9	at Louisville
Oct. 16	Southern Miss
Oct. 30	Houston
Nov. 6	Tennessee
Nov. 13	at Marshall
Nov. 20	at UAB
Nov. 27	UCF

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 1-7)

Sept. 6	Ole Miss	L	14-45
Sept. 12	at Middle Tennessee	L	14-31
Sept. 19	Tennessee-Martin	W	41-14
Sept. 26	Marshall	L	16-27
Oct. 3	at UCF	L	14-32
Oct. 10	UTEP	W	35-20
Oct. 17	at Southern Miss	L	16-36
Oct. 27	East Carolina	L	19-38
Nov. 7	at Tennessee	L	28-56
Nov. 14	UAB	L	21-31
Nov. 21	at Houston	L	14-55
Nov. 27	at Tulsa	L (ot)	30-33

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	21.8 ppg	9	95	
Rushing	158.3 ypg	3	53	
Passing	214.8 ypg	7	64	
Total	373.1 ypg	7	63	
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	34.8 ppg	10	110	
Rushing	174.1 ypg	8	96	
Passing	283.4 ypg	11	117	
Total	457.5 ypg	11	116	
	TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	-9	-0.75	10	107

HEAD COACH: LARRY PORTER RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ERIC PRICE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAY HOPSON





**OFFENSE** While Houston's Case Keenum is clearly the top returning quarterback in C-USA, Southern Miss boasts unmatched depth at the position with junior Austin Davis and senior Martevious Young. Davis, a 60 percent career passer, is back after suffering a midseason foot injury that forced him to sit after making 18 consecutive starts. Davis gives the Golden Eagles offense a reliable, steady quarterback who has been intercepted only 10 times in 610 pass attempts. Young tossed 16 touchdowns and only three interceptions in a relief role.

Southern Miss lost its top two backs, a duo that combined for 1,662 yards and 18 touchdowns, but the offense reloads with senior V.J. Floyd and sophomore Desmond Johnson. Floyd is quick and elusive, while Johnson is what Golden Eagles coach Larry Fedora describes as "a big kid with moves and speed." Johnson played only one game last year behind the departed Damion Fletcher and Tory Harrison.

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Tracy Lampley scored touchdowns four different ways a year ago. Lampley had rushing and receiving touchdowns, in addition to scoring on a 50-yard punt return and a 93-yard kickoff return.

There's not a better pure receiver in C-USA than 6'6" DeAndre Brown. A heralded recruit for Fedora two years ago, Brown enters his junior season with added strength and weight and the possibility of setting several school receiving marks. A player who could emerge as a complement is 5'9" Tracy Lampley.

The biggest question mark on offense will be on the offensive line, where the Golden Eagles must replace four starters. Only center Cameron Zipp, a two-year starter, returns.

**DEFENSE** Here's the good news for what was a somewhat maligned Southern Miss defense: Eight starters return, including everyone up front. Nose tackle Anthony Gray is a former all-

conference pick, tackle Terrance Pope was a member of the league's all-freshman team two years ago, and end Cordarro Law is a menace.

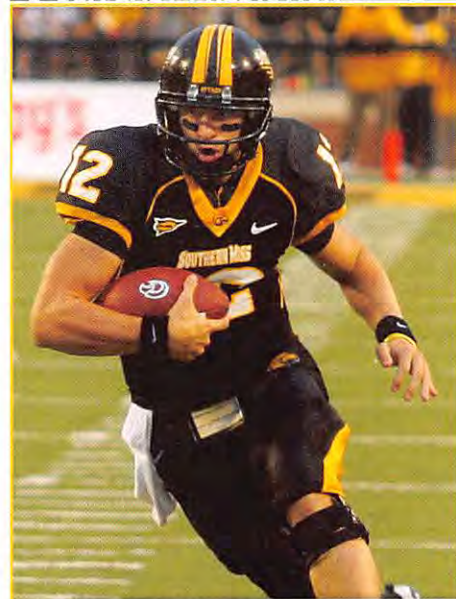
At linebacker, Martez Smith will be on the strong side, where his reputation as a hard hitter emerged. Middle linebacker Korey Williams, perhaps the unit's best overall player, is also its most athletic. In his first two seasons, he has recovered five fumbles and forced three others. Weak-side linebacker Ronnie Thornton was a defensive playmaker as well. He had 114 tackles, second to Williams, and 10.5 tackles for a loss.

Cornerback C.J. Bailey and safety Justin Wilson should give the secondary a solid base from which to operate. Bailey has started each of his first three seasons, while Wilson, a two-year starter, has eight career interceptions. Nickelback Chico Hunter returned last fall after injuring his knee during the 2008 season. This group is eager to help the Golden Eagles improve upon an eighth-place conference finish last year in pass defense.

**SPECIALISTS** USM needs to solve its kicking problems; the Eagles missed 10 extra-point tries and had two of those returned for two-point conversions, including one that cost them the division title. Punter Peter Boehme averaged 38.5 yards per kick and had 26 of 54 punts land inside the 20. Lampley averaged 14.5 yards per punt return, which ranked sixth in the country, and 27.6 yards per kickoff return, which ranked 15th.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** With East Carolina losing successful coach Skip Holtz to South Florida and veteran quarterback Patrick Pinkney to graduation, the Conference USA East race could come down to Southern Miss and UCF. It's clear that Fedora expects his team to play in its first-ever C-USA title game.

"I'm going to be very disappointed if we're not in that championship game even through we are replacing quite a few guys at a lot of different positions," Fedora says.


**AUSTIN DAVIS**

### THE QUOTE

"I think (DeAndre Brown) is going to be a much-improved player going into the fall and I'm going to expect huge things from him."

— Coach Larry Fedora

### OFFENSE (3)

WR	5 DeAndre Brown (Jr.)	46 Mujahid Asaad (So.)
WR	85 Quentin Pierce (So.)	1 Tracy Lampley (So.)
WR	80 Ryan Balentine (Jr.)	11 Kelvin Bolden (Jr.)
LT	51 Darius Barnes (So.)	72 Lamar Holmes (Jr.)
LG	68 Joe Duhon (So.)	61 James Brady (Jr.)
C	59 Cameron Zipp (Sr.)	62 Austin Quattrochi (So.)
RG	55 Alex Michael (Sr.)	77 Ed Preston (Fr.)
RT	70 Jason Weaver (Jr.)	75 Thomas Edenfield (Jr.)
TE	19 Jonathan Massey (Sr.)	81 Ryan Hanks (So.)
QB	12 Austin Davis (Jr.)	14 Martevious Young (Sr.)
RB	2 V.J. Floyd (Sr.)	7 Desmond Johnson (So.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	91 Dedrick Jones (Jr.)	9 Octavius Thomas (Fr.)
DT	95 Anthony Gray (Sr.)	98 Khyri Thornton (Fr.)
DT	76 Terrance Pope (Jr.)	48 John Henderson (Sr.)
DE	46 Cordarro Law (Jr.)	96 David Boyce (Sr.)
WLB	56 Ronnie Thornton (Jr.)	22 Jamie Collins (So.)
MLB	42 Korey Williams (Jr.)	24 Hendrick Leverette (Fr.)
SLB	32 Martez Smith (Sr.)	38 Jeremy Snowden (Jr.)
CB	1 Deron Wilson (Fr.)	30 Chico Hunter (Sr.)
CB	20 C.J. Bailey (Sr.)	15 Marcal Robinson (Fr.)
SS	8 Justin Wilson (Sr.)	30 Tre Maddox (Fr.)
FS	26 Kendrick Presley (Jr.)	5 Jerriion Johnson (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	34 Danny Hrapmann (Jr.)	KR	1 Tracy Lampley (So.)
P	39 Peter Boehme (So.)	PR	1 Tracy Lampley (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Martevious Young, 230-132-1,861-3, 16 TDs

Rushing: Martevious Young, 72 car., 294 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: DeAndre Brown, 47 rec., 785 yds., 9 TDs

Tackles: Korey Williams, 121, 44 solo

Sacks: Korey Williams, 7.5

Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at South Carolina
Sept. 11	Prairie View A&M
Sept. 17	Kansas
Sept. 25	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 2	Marshall
Oct. 9	East Carolina
Oct. 16	at Memphis
Oct. 30	UAB
Nov. 6	at Tulane
Nov. 13	at UCF
Nov. 20	Houston
Nov. 27	at Tulsa

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 5-3)

Sept. 5	Alcorn State	W	52-0
Sept. 12	UCF	W	26-19
Sept. 19	Virginia	W	37-34
Sept. 26	at Kansas	L	28-35
Oct. 1	at UAB	L	17-30
Oct. 10	at Louisville	L	23-25
Oct. 17	Memphis	W	36-16
Oct. 24	Tulane	W	43-6
Oct. 31	at Houston	L	43-50
Nov. 14	at Marshall	W	27-20
Nov. 21	Tulsa	W	44-34
Nov. 28	at East Carolina	L	20-25
Dec. 20	#Middle Tennessee	L	32-42
	#New Orleans Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	32.9 ppg	2	18	
Rushing	181.4 ypg	2	33	
Passing	235.0 ypg	5	43	
Total	416.4 ypg	4	31	
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	25.9 ppg	4	62	
Rushing	130.9 ypg	3	43	
Passing	261.6 ypg	8	109	
Total	392.5 ypg	4	80	
	TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	+10	+0.77	2	10

**HEAD COACH: LARRY FEDORA RECORD AT SCHOOL: 14-12 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 14-12 (2 YEARS)**

**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BLAKE ANDERSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TODD BRADFORD**



**UAB**

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. LEGION FIELD (72,000)

**BLAZERS**

**OFFENSE** The Blazers won't be able to rely on one player to carry the offense like they did the last two seasons with Joe Webb at quarterback. In the long run, though, that might not be a bad thing.

UAB appears to have a wider diversity of playmakers than at any point in Neil Callaway's tenure. Of course, Callaway still hates to begin life without Webb at quarterback.

"It will be a little different, but that's part of college football," Callaway says. "We get to keep a young man for four or five years and then they have to move on."

The quarterback competition was interesting during spring practice and carries over into fall camp. David Isabelle is a shifty runner who showed during the spring that he could throw the ball well. Bryan Ellis is a pure passer. Joe Bento has perhaps the best combination, and Jonathan Perry is extremely athletic. Callaway says he wants to find one starter out of the bunch, but it might take more than one quarterback to get through the season.

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UAB coach Neil Callaway has not made a single change to his on-field coaching staff since taking over the program in December 2006.

The quarterbacks will have plenty of options with a receiving corps led by senior wideouts Frantrell Forrest, Roddell Carter, Mike Jones and Mario Wright and tight end Jeffery Anderson. Running back Pat Shed, a junior college transfer, showed in the spring that he is a big-play threat, and Daniel Borne, Justin Brooks and Chad Winbush (another junior college transfer) are also quality running back options.

The line lost four-year starting center Jake Seitz, but experienced players return at the

other four positions. UAB doesn't have any weakness up front if it can find a replacement for Seitz.

**DEFENSE** The Blazers will be improved defensively this season. The problem is they have a lot of room for improvement after finishing 114th, 106th and 114th in total defense the past three seasons.

UAB is deeper at safety than perhaps any C-USA school. Hiram Atwater, Chase Daniel and Elliott McGaskin have shown the ability to make plays. A.J. Wilson is healthy after sitting out his first year at UAB because of a knee injury suffered in fall camp, and Jamie Bender was the star of the spring.

The Blazers are also deep at linebacker with Marvin Burdette looking like a budding star and second-leading tackler Lamanski Ware returning.

A pair of potential all-conference tackles, Elliott Henigan and D.J. Reese, will make life difficult for opposing offenses. Seniors Tim Davis, Bryant Turner and Derek Slaughter all have starting experience at the end spots, but the Blazers aren't deep there.

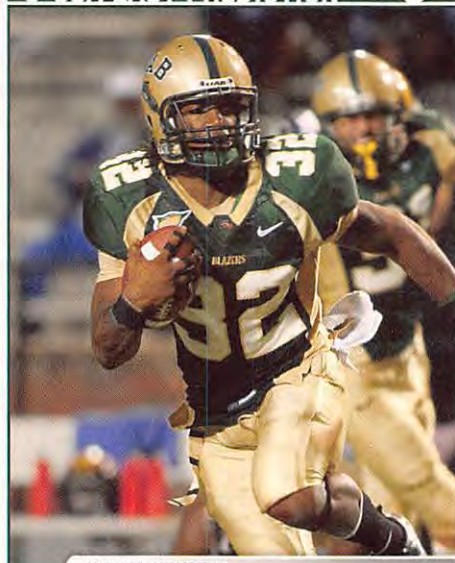
**SPECIALISTS** Punter Trey Ragland and kicker Josh Zahn are back for their second season as starters. Zahn was a bit inconsistent last season as a true freshman. Ragland averaged 42.8 yards per punt in 2009.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** UAB needs to show improvement in Neil Callaway's fourth season, preferably by appearing in a bowl game for the first time since 2004 and only the second time in school history. Callaway thinks his team is in position to take this step with the deepest team he's had since coming to UAB. It's also the oldest team he's had at UAB, with a two-deep depth chart that includes more juniors and seniors than Callaway has been accustomed to putting on the field.

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C-USA FAST PREDICTION

**6****HIRAM ATWATER****THE QUOTE**

"I think the biggest question is our quarterback. I feel good about the guys we have competing there, but let's face it, none of them have carried the load. I think at every other spot we'll be a better football team."

— UAB coach Neil Callaway

**OFFENSE (7)**

WR	7 Frantrell Forrest (Sr.)	Darnell Williams (Jr.)
WR	12 Nick Adams (Jr.)	22 Mike Jones (Sr.)
WR	85 Roddell Carter (Sr.)	11 Mario Wright (Sr.)
LT	71 Matt McCants (Jr.)	Quartney Cox (Jr.)
LG	78 Greg Bulls (Sr.)	73 Caleb Thomas (Jr.)
C	75 Darion Smith (Jr.)	Billy Autrey (So.)
RG	55 Terence Edge (Jr.)	73 Caleb Thomas (Jr.)
RT	74 Chris Hubbard (So.)	64 Greg Calhoun (Jr.)
TE	86 Jeffery Anderson (Sr.)	45 Sam Accursio (Jr.)
QB	17 David Isabelle (So.)	10 Bryan Ellis (Jr.)
RB	26 Pat Shed (Jr.)	21 Daniel Borne (Sr.)

**DEFENSE (6)**

DE	91 Tim Davis (Sr.)	93 Andrew Mahan (Fr.)
DT	51 Elliott Henigan (Jr.)	50 David DeCordova (Sr.)
DT	97 D.J. Reese (Sr.)	92 Justin Wells (Sr.)
DE	94 Bryant Turner (Sr.)	52 Derek Slaughter (Sr.)
LB	13 Keon Harris (Sr.)	21 D.A. Autry (Jr.)
LB	43 Marvin Burdette (So.)	35 Lamanski Ware (Jr.)
LB	33 Darrion Wilson (Sr.)	34 Daniel White (So.)
CB	29 Terrell Springs (Jr.)	3 Andre Hicks (Jr.)
CB	8 Marquis Coleman (Jr.)	2 T.J. Ballou (Jr.)
S	32 Hiram Atwater (Sr.)	5 Jamie Bender (Jr.)
S	31 Chase Daniel (Jr.)	20 A.J. Wilson (So.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	96 Josh Zahn (Fr.)	KR	7 Frantrell Forrest (Sr.)
P	37 Trey Ragland (Jr.)	PR	12 Nick Adams (Jr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: David Isabelle, 14-6-39-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: David Isabelle, 32 car., 288 yds., 1 TD  
 Receiving: Frantrell Forrest, 34 rec., 558 yds., 9 TDs  
 Tackles: Hiram Atwater, 89, 47 solo  
 Sacks: Bryant Turner, 6  
 Interceptions: Marquis Coleman, 3 for 100 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	Florida Atlantic
Sept. 11	at SMU
Sept. 18	Troy
Sept. 25	at Tennessee
Oct. 6	at UCF
Oct. 16	UTEP
Oct. 23	at Mississippi State
Oct. 30	at Southern Miss
Nov. 6	Marshall
Nov. 11	East Carolina
Nov. 20	Memphis
Nov. 27	at Rice

**2009 RESULTS (5-7, 4-4)**

Sept. 5	Rice	W	44-24
Sept. 12	SMU	L	33-35
Sept. 19	at Troy	L	14-27
Sept. 26	at Texas A&M	L	19-56
Oct. 1	Southern Miss	W	30-17
Oct. 17	at Ole Miss	L	13-48
Oct. 24	at Marshall	L	7-27
Oct. 31	at UTEP	W	38-33
Nov. 7	Florida Atlantic	W	56-29
Nov. 14	at Memphis	W	31-21
Nov. 21	at East Carolina	L	21-37
Nov. 28	UCF	L	27-34

**2009 RANKINGS**

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	27.8 ppg	6	59	
Rushing	229.9 ypg	1	7	
Passing	196.0 ypg	11	83	
Total	425.9 ypg	3	22	
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	32.3 ppg	8	102	
Rushing	143.7 ypg	5	60	
Passing	311.5 ypg	12	120	
Total	455.2 ypg	10	114	
	TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	+9	+0.75	3	12

HEAD COACH: NEIL CALLAWAY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 11-25 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 11-25 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KIM HELTON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ERIC SCHUMANN



**OFFENSE** UCF returns five starters on offense and picked up the highest-rated recruiting class in school history, but the Knights are coping with inexperience at three key positions — quarterback, center and running back. Junior quarterback Rob Calabrese, who lost the starting job last year after racking up early turnovers, opens the season as the Knights' starter. Freshman Jeffrey Godfrey, a high-profile prospect from Miami Central who enrolled in January and participated in spring football, should see playing time this season. The coaches are hoping to bring him along gradually, but he might be forced to adapt quickly.

Sophomore walk-on Jordan Rae edged junior walk-on Zac Norris for the center position at the end of spring practice. The competition will likely continue, with starting left guard Cliff McCray available as another center option. All-Conference USA right tackle Jah Reid, Nick Pieschel, Theo Goins and McCray anchor a strong returning group.

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Thanks in large part to Bruce Miller's 13 sacks, the Knights ranked No. 6 in the nation in sacks, with 2.92 per game.

Junior running back Brynn Harvey suffered a knee injury during spring practice, and he could miss games early in the season. The Knights will lean on two players to fill his shoes — power runner Brendan Kelly and speedy Jonathan Davis. Kelly will likely carry a heavier load early thanks to his blocking skills, but Davis is a dynamic player who should contribute significantly. The Knights also will rely on their wide receivers and tight ends to be playmakers. UCF has arguably the most depth at wide receiver, with seniors Kamar Aiken and Jamar Newsome, junior A.J. Guyton and sophomore Quincy McDuffie.

**DEFENSE** Bruce Miller, the reigning Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year, expects UCF to be a force again on defense. Miller needs 13 sacks to set the state of Florida's all-time career sacks record currently held by Miami's Daniel Stubbs with 39.5. Seniors David Williams and Wes Tunuufi Sauvao should give Miller plenty of help, while true freshman E.J. Dunston and redshirt freshman Victor Gray will fill the void left by NFL-bound defensive tackle Torell Troup.

Senior Derrick Hallman, the Knights' vocal and emotional leader, anchors a strong linebacker unit. Senior middle linebacker Chance Henderson returns after missing last season due to a knee injury, while senior Lawrence Young will fill the other outside linebacker position.

Sophomore cornerback Josh Robinson, a Freshman All-American who led the Knights with six interceptions in 2009, and sophomore safety Kemal Ishmael relied on raw talent to help them post successful rookie seasons. This year, the dynamic duo has a better understanding of the Knights' defense and should be able to make more plays.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior Nick Cattoi and sophomore Jamie Boyle have been inconsistent and are still fighting for the starting kicking job. Senior punter Blake Clingan has been a steady leader and is poised to break several career punting records. The Knights have a long list of kick and punt return threats, with McDuffie, Guyton and Robinson as the early favorites for long returns.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Knights have inexperienced players filling key holes, but they have the most talent and depth of coach George O'Leary's seven-year tenure. With three Conference USA Eastern Division teams led by new coaches, UCF has high hopes of winning the division title and competing for a Conference USA championship this season.



BRUCE MILLER

### THE QUOTE

"We believe this can be a really special year for us. Anything less than a conference championship and a bowl win would be a disappointment to me."

— UCF senior linebacker Derrick Hallman

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	81 Kamar Aiken (Sr.)	3 A.J. Guyton (Jr.)
WR	14 Quincy McDuffie (So.)	9 Jamar Newsome (Sr.)
LT	77 Nick Pieschel (Jr.)	70 Chris Martin (Fr.)
LG	65 Cliff McCray (Sr.)	74 Chad Hounshell (So.)
C	73 Jordan Rae (So.)	69 Zac Norris (Jr.)
RG	68 Theo Goins (So.)	62 Rey Cunha (Fr.)
RT	76 Jah Reid (Sr.)	66 Abre Leggings (Sr.)
TE	88 Adam Nissley (Jr.)	85 Willie Gaetjens (Jr.)
QB	4 Rob Calabrese (Jr.)	2 Jeffrey Godfrey (Fr.)
FB	24 Brendan Kelly (So.)	32 Billy Giovanetti (So.)
TB	34 Brynn Harvey (Jr.)	27 Jonathan Davis (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	48 David Williams (Sr.)	53 Darius Nall (Jr.)
LT	94 Wes Tunuufi Sauvao (Sr.)	91 Victor Gray (Fr.)
RT	95 E.J. Dunston (Fr.)	91 Victor Gray (Fr.)
RE	49 Bruce Miller (Sr.)	58 Troy Davis (So.)
OLB	38 Derrick Hallman (Sr.)	42 Loren Robinson (So.)
MLB	54 Chance Henderson (Sr.)	50 Josh Linam (Jr.)
OLB	57 Lawrence Young (Sr.)	55 Michael Dominguez (Sr.)
CB	20 Josh Robinson (So.)	23 Justin Boddie (Sr.)
CB	22 Emery Allen (Sr.)	19 A.J. Bouye (So.)
SS	21 Darin Baldwin (Sr.)	40 Reggie Weams (Sr.)
FS	18 Kemal Ishmael (So.)	25 Jarrett Swaby (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	16 Nick Cattoi (Jr.)	KR	21 Darin Baldwin (Sr.)
P	41 Blake Clingan (Sr.)	PR	3 A.J. Guyton (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Rob Calabrese, 46-25-260-0, 3 TD  
Rushing: Brynn Harvey, 261 car., 1,109 yds., 14 TDs  
Receiving: A.J. Guyton, 44 rec., 572 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Derrick Hallman, 85, 45 solo  
Sacks: Bruce Miller, 13  
Interceptions: Josh Robinson, 6 for 84 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	South Dakota
Sept. 11	NC State
Sept. 18	at Buffalo
Sept. 25	at Kansas State
Oct. 6	UAB
Oct. 13	at Marshall
Oct. 23	Rice
Oct. 30	East Carolina
Nov. 5	at Houston
Nov. 13	Southern Miss
Nov. 20	at Tulane
Nov. 27	at Memphis

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Samford	W	28-24
Sept. 12	at Southern Miss	L	19-26
Sept. 19	Buffalo	W	23-17
Sept. 26	at East Carolina	L	14-19
Oct. 3	Memphis	W	32-14
Oct. 17	Miami	L	7-27
Oct. 24	at Rice	W	49-7
Nov. 1	Marshall	W	21-20
Nov. 7	at Texas	L	3-35
Nov. 14	Houston	W	37-32
Nov. 21	Tulane	W	49-0
Nov. 28	at UAB	W	34-27
Dec. 19	#Rutgers	L	24-45
#St. Petersburg Bowl			

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	26.2 ppg	8	67	
Rushing	130.5 ypg	8	82	
Passing	210.3 ypg	8	69	
Total	340.9 ypg	10	87	
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	22.5 ppg	2	42	
Rushing	82.8 ypg	1	4	
Passing	267.8 ypg	9	113	
Total	350.5 ypg	1	48	
	To Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	+8	+0.62	4	17

HEAD COACH: GEORGE O'LEARY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 34-41 (6 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 86-74 (13 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHARLIE TAAFFE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE HUXTABLE





HOUSTON, TEXAS ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)

**OFFENSE** With Case Keenum set to begin his final season under center for the Cougars, Houston is feeling quite confident about its offense. Keenum led the nation with 5,671 yards passing — no other quarterback threw for more than 4,300 — and 44 touchdown passes. Houston welcomes back all three of last year's 1,000-yard receivers — James Cleveland, Tyron Carrier and Patrick Edwards. This trio forms one of the most dangerous receiving corps in the nation.

But while the passing game remains in great shape, coach Kevin Sumlin hopes first-year co-offensive coordinator Jason Phillips can generate more offense on the ground after the Cougars ranked ninth in Conference USA in rushing last season. Considering the Cougars have two former Conference USA Freshman of the Year honorees in their backfield — tailbacks Charles Sims and Bryce Beall — the pressure falls on the offensive line to aid the running attack.

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After throwing only six interceptions over the first 12 games of last season, Cougars quarterback Case Keenum tossed a combined nine picks in losses to East Carolina and Air Force.

Keenum can help his line by continuing to release the ball quickly and correctly identifying blitzes before the snap. The senior quarterback has so many weapons available that it will be tough for opponents to limit this offense's production.

**DEFENSE** Houston's defense has a new coordinator, and it couldn't come at a better time. After Jeff Skladany took the linebackers coach position at UCF this offseason, Sumlin hired former Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Brian Stewart to fix a defense that ended last season ranked 111th in the nation. Stewart is implementing a 3-4 scheme that

Sumlin believes will help the Cougars become less predictable.

Junior college transfer Matangi Tonga is expected to provide the defense with the muscle it sorely needs in the trenches. Originally, the staff planned on using Tonga at nose tackle, but those plans changed in the spring when end Zeke Riser was lost with a torn ACL.

Last season's leading tackler Marcus McGraw is back to hunt down opponents from his new middle outside linebacker position. Sophomore Kelvin King III and junior college transfer Sammy Brown should also make an impact in the new alignment.

The departures of Brandon Brinkley and Carson Blackmon have left a hole in the Cougars' secondary, but they return a key component in cornerback Jamal Robinson (five interceptions). Sumlin believes Loyce Means has enough experience to fill Brinkley's spot opposite Robinson.

**SPECIALISTS** Jordan Mannisto will replace Chase Turner as the punter, while Matt Hogan has returned to lead the rest of the kicking game. Hogan performed unexpectedly well for the Cougars last season, aside from missing three field goals (two misses, one blocked) in the C-USA Championship Game.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** With Sumlin inking a contract extension in the offseason and bringing in a coach with NFL experience to strengthen an ineffective defense, the Cougars could be close to returning to the national spotlight. But Houston's defense must display durability and play with more aggression if the Cougars are to avoid another disappointing finish.

Keenum has an arsenal of speedy backs and receivers to work with, so the offense isn't a concern as long as he's well protected. No matter how well he performs, the senior's Heisman hopes may rest on whether he leads Houston to the first undefeated season in school history.



CASE KEENUM

### THE QUOTE

"We touched on every position with depth. The goal after what happened last year was not only to continue to upgrade in talent, but also get depth, which we were successful at."

— Coach Kevin Sumlin

### OFFENSE (8)

WR 19 James Cleveland (Sr.)	4 Ronnie Williams (So.)
WR 35 Tyron Carrier (Jr.)	9 Demetrius Woods (So.)
WR 83 Patrick Edwards (Jr.)	88 E.J. Smith (Jr.)
WR 84 Kierrie Johnson (Sr.)	82 Chance Blackmon (So.)
LT 76 Jacobly Ashworth (So.)	97 Isaiah Thompson (Sr.)
LG 60 Jaryd Anderson (Sr.)	64 Ty Cloud (Fr.)
C 73 Jordan Shoemaker (Sr.)	77 Blake Sargent (So.)
RG 70 Chris Thompson (Jr.)	63 Kevin Forsch (Fr.)
RT 74 Roy Watts (Sr.)	69 Ralph Oragwu (Fr.)
QB 7 Case Keenum (Sr.)	12 Cotton Turner (Jr.)
RB 5 Charles Sims (So.)	25 Bryce Beall (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE 95 David Hunter (Jr.)	92 DeAnthony Sims (So.)
NT 56 Tyrone Campbell (So.)	57 Matangi Tonga (Sr.)
RE 57 Matangi Tonga (Sr.)	91 Radermon Scypion (So.)
WLB 8 Sammy Brown (Jr.)	59 Kelvin King (So.)
MO 55 Marcus McGraw (Jr.)	25 Jeremy Smith (Sr.)
MLB 38 George Bamfo (Fr.)	47 John McIntyre (Fr.)
SLB 42 Phillip Steward (So.)	40 Brian Williams (Jr.)
CB 32 Jamal Robinson (Sr.)	20 Devin Mays (Sr.)
CB 22 Loyce Means (Sr.)	13 Thomas Bates (Fr.)
SS 21 Jacky Candy (Sr.)	28 Jeffery Lewis (So.)
FS 41 Nick Saenz (Jr.)	21 Jacky Candy (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 46 Matt Hogan (So.)	KR 35 Tyron Carrier (Jr.)
P 16 Jordan Mannisto (Jr.)	PR 35 Tyron Carrier (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Case Keenum, 700-492-5,671-15, 44 TDs  
Rushing: Charles Sims, 132 car., 698 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: James Cleveland, 104 rec., 1,214 yds., 14 TDs  
Tackles: Marcus McGraw, 156, 75 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 4  
Interceptions: Jamal Robinson, 5 for 42 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Texas State
Sept. 10	UTEP
Sept. 18	at UCLA
Sept. 25	Tulane
Oct. 9	Mississippi State
Oct. 16	at Rice
Oct. 23	at SMU
Oct. 30	at Memphis
Nov. 5	UCF
Nov. 13	Tulsa
Nov. 20	at Southern Miss
Nov. 27	at Texas Tech

### 2009 RESULTS (10-4, 6-2)

Sept. 5	Northwestern State	W	55-7
Sept. 12	at Oklahoma State	W	45-35
Sept. 26	Texas Tech	W	29-28
Oct. 3	at UTEP	L	41-58
Oct. 10	at Mississippi State	W	31-24
Oct. 17	at Tulane	W	44-16
Oct. 24	SMU	W	38-15
Oct. 31	Southern Miss	W	50-43
Nov. 7	at Tulsa	W	46-45
Nov. 14	at UCF	L	32-37
Nov. 21	Memphis	W	55-14
Nov. 28	Rice	W	73-14
Dec. 5	at East Carolina	L	32-38
Dec. 31	# Air Force	L	20-47
	# Armed Forces Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	42.2 ppg	1	1
Rushing	129.6 ypg	9	83
Passing	433.7 ypg	1	1
Total	563.4 ypg	1	1
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	30.1 ppg	7	95
Rushing	226.6 ypg	12	115
Passing	224.7 ypg	2	72
Total	451.3 ypg	9	111
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
+4	+0.29	5	43

HEAD COACH: KEVIN SUMLIN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 18-9 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 18-9 (2 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KLIFF KINGSBURY, JASON PHILLIPS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRIAN STEWART



**OFFENSE** There's been an injection of ability — Michigan transfer running back Sam McGuffie and Miami transfer quarterback Taylor Cook — as well as energy from new offensive coordinator David Beaty. As a result, there is excitement heading into the 2010 season. Points will be plentiful, and if Beaty has his way, they'll be scored quickly. There's a new emphasis on pace in an effort to tire opponents mentally and physically, and the coaching staff believes the Owls can take advantage.

The running backs, bolstered by the addition of McGuffie, who ran for nearly 500 yards as a true freshman with the Wolverines, should be the strength. Rice coach David Bailiff loves the complete set of skills junior Tyler Smith totes onto the field, and he'll play a considerable amount. This spring, redshirt freshman Turner Petersen opened eyes with a punishing running style and a surprising burst, and he'll be in the mix. Last year's leading rusher, Charles Ross, was dinged a bit, and he might have some ground to make up this fall. As for McGuffie, he'll be all over the field as the Owls try to take advantage of his dynamic ability as a runner and receiver.

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The Owls followed up the second 10-win season in school history with a 10-loss season in 2009. They went from 10-3 to 2-10.

First, a quarterback must emerge. Junior Nick Fanuzzi started eight games last year, but Cook didn't transfer to sit the bench, and redshirt freshman Taylor McHargue has been special — he can make plays with both his arm and feet. The two Taylors might be a better fit for the spread attack, too.

The receivers are average, but sophomore tight end Vance McDonald should thrive. The offensive line is underrated, and there is enviable continuity in the unit.

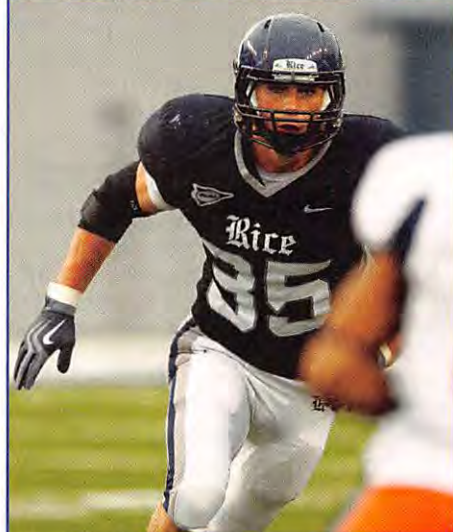
**DEFENSE** Can the Owls stop anyone? They couldn't last year, and most of the personnel return to a defense with the same scheme and personality. It's easy to be skeptical — Rice allowed 43 points and 464 yards per game last season — but many of the Owls were making their first starts. It stands to reason that the experience gained by then-freshmen cornerbacks Kevin Gaddis and Phillip Gaines should only help this season.

Rice still needs to generate a better pass rush, and to that end, the Owls have moved senior Scott Solomon from defensive end inside to tackle. Cheta Ozougwu is still outside, and he might have been Rice's best player at the end of the season.

Travis Bradshaw is a standout in the secondary, leading the nation in solo tackles per game, but he needs some help getting stops, specifically from the linebackers. That's a problem area. Tackling in space remains an issue for the Owls.

**SPECIALISTS** Finding a replacement for Clark Fangmeier, the school's career kicking leader, is vital. In the spring, Chris Boswell and Brandon Yelovich began waging a competition for the position that likely won't be decided until late in fall camp. Junior punter Kyle Martens is an NFL prospect. As for the return game, Shane "The Burner" Turner finished four yards short of the program's all-purpose yardage record despite not playing in five games.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Can the Owls remain healthy? That's the key, and glancing at the non-conference portion of the schedule provides a clue why. Last year, Rice was battered after tangling with Texas Tech and Oklahoma State. If the Owls can navigate a gauntlet that includes Texas in the season opener and then BCS foes Northwestern and Baylor in the next three weeks without any major setbacks, they have a chance to be competitive in C-USA.



TRAVIS BRADSHAW

### THE QUOTE

"You feel good about the chemistry, the attitude, and the players are on a mission to prove last year was an anomaly. They don't want it to happen again. They're prideful kids, and we're prideful coaches."

— Coach David Bailiff

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	80 Corbin Smiter (Sr.)	81 Donte Moore (Fr.)
WR	11 Pierre Beasley (Sr.)	4 Randy Kitchens (Jr.)
WR	6 Patrick Randolph (Sr.)	86 Derek Clark (So.)
LT	56 Scott Mitchell (Sr.)	65 Kody Emmert (Jr.)
LG	66 Jake Hicks (Jr.)	70 Bobby Janisch (Fr.)
C	52 Keshawn Carrington (Jr.)	74 Cade Shaw (Fr.)
RG	78 Eric Ball (So.)	71 Davon Allen (Jr.)
RT	64 Tyler Parish (Jr.)	79 Jon Hodde (Fr.)
TE	88 Vance McDonald (So.)	8 Brent Hotard (Jr.)
QB	3 Taylor Cook (So.)	16 Taylor McHargue (Fr.)
RB	37 Tyler Smith (Jr.)	2 Sam McGuffie (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	92 Kramer Lucio (Sr.)	90 Cody Bauer (So.)
DT	13 Scott Solomon (Sr.)	99 Michael Smith (Jr.)
NT	73 Alex Lowry (So.)	55 John Gioffre (Jr.)
DE	95 Cheta Ozougwu (Sr.)	97 Jared Williams (So.)
SLB	49 Trey Briggs (So.)	32 Willie Garley (Sr.)
MLB	5 Justin Hill (Sr.)	31 Justin Allen (So.)
CB	38 Chris Jammer (Jr.)	7 Kevin Gaddis (So.)
CB	15 Phillip Gaines (So.)	1 Jarrett Ben (Jr.)
SS	44 Chris Jones (Sr.)	33 Max Anyiam (Sr.)
FS	35 Travis Bradshaw (Jr.)	14 Xavier Webb (Jr.)
KAT	20 Corey Frazier (So.)	24 Paul Porras (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	9 Chris Boswell (Fr.)	KR	23 Shane Turner (So.)
P	41 Kyle Martens (Jr.)	PR	23 Shane Turner (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nick Fanuzzi, 270-162-1,598-8, 11 TDs  
 Rushing: Charles Ross, 97 car, 491 yds., 11 TDs  
 Receiving: Patrick Randolph, 39 rec., 356 yds., 4 TDs  
 Tackles: Travis Bradshaw, 121, 90 solo  
 Sacks: Scott Solomon, 6.5  
 Interceptions: Jarrett Ben, 2 for 14 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Texas (Reliant Stadium)
Sept. 11	at North Texas
Sept. 18	Northwestern
Sept. 25	Baylor
Oct. 2	SMU
Oct. 9	at UTEP
Oct. 16	Houston
Oct. 23	at UCF
Nov. 6	at Tulsa
Nov. 13	at Tulane
Nov. 20	East Carolina
Nov. 27	UAB

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 2-6)

Sept. 5	at UAB	L	24-44
Sept. 12	at Texas Tech	L	10-55
Sept. 19	at Oklahoma State	L	24-41
Sept. 26	Vanderbilt	L	17-36
Oct. 3	Tulsa	L	10-27
Oct. 10	Navy	L	14-63
Oct. 17	at East Carolina	L	13-49
Oct. 24	UCF	L	7-49
Nov. 7	at SMU	L	28-31
Nov. 14	Tulane	W	28-20
Nov. 21	UTEP	W	30-29
Nov. 28	at Houston	L	14-73

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	18.3 ppg	11	110
Rushing	109.3 ypg	11	104
Passing	195.3 ypg	12	84
Total	304.6 ypg	12	111
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	43.1 ppg	12	120
Rushing	190.6 ypg	9	102
Passing	273.4 ypg	10	114
Total	464.0 ypg	12	117
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
-9	-0.75	10	107

HEAD COACH: DAVID BAILIFF RECORD AT SCHOOL: 15-22 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 36-37 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVID BEATY CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: CHUCK DRIESBACH, CRAIG NAIVAR



**SMU**

DALLAS, TEXAS GERALD J. FORD STADIUM (32,000)

**MUSTANGS**

**OFFENSE** SMU could be back in the C-USA West Division hunt again this season if Kyle Padron picks up where he left off at quarterback after his star-making turn as a freshman in 2009. Padron enters his sophomore season on the heels of a 32-of-41 passing performance for 460 yards and two touchdowns in SMU's 45-10 rout of Nevada in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, the Mustangs' first bowl appearance in 25 years. The thought of three more years with Padron, who went 5-1 as a starter after replacing injured starter Bo Levi Mitchell, has SMU fans truly believing the program can start to win consistently because of his poise and production on the big stage.

Running back Shawnbrey McNeal, who surprised coach June Jones by skipping his senior year for the NFL (though he was not drafted), became the first college back ever to run for 1,000 yards under Jones (1,188 yards and 12 TDs). So someone has to establish himself as a threat to run the ball to help open things up in the passing game.

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SMU's seven-game turnaround last season — from 1-11 in 2008 to 8-5 in 2009 — was the largest in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

That could be highly touted freshman Darryl Fields, who turned down Oklahoma State and Texas Tech, among others, to attend SMU.

Three of the team's top four receivers return in 2010. But a new go-to guy has to emerge in clutch situations the way Emmanuel Sanders (98 catches for 1,339 yards) did last season.

The offensive line should be solid for the next two years.

**DEFENSE** The defense up the middle is a real concern after losing veteran nosetackle Chris Parham, leading tackler Chase Kennemer at middle linebacker and playmaking strong safety

Rock Dennis. Of the team's 17 interceptions last season, 10 of them were created by players who graduated.

Newcomers could play a key role on this year's defense, including freshmen Mike O'Guin at nosetackle and Keivon Gamble at cornerback.

But there are some key starters back, including both ends in the Mustangs' 3-4 defense — juniors Marquise Frazier and Taylor Thompson. Senior linebackers Pete Fleps and Youri Yenga have been productive, and Taylor Reed and Ja'Gared Davis are only sophomores but made a lot of plays last season as freshmen.

In the secondary, junior safety Chris Banjo, the team's second-leading tackler in 2009, will try to anchor a group in transition. Senior cornerback Sterling Moore, a former junior college transfer who played in 11 games last season, gives the Mustangs some proven experience.

**SPECIALISTS** Do-it-all senior Matt Szymanski returns to kick off, punt and kick field goals. Running back Chris Butler, who returned kicks last season (20.4-yard average), is back this season. But the search is on for someone to replace Sanders and his 13.8-yard average on punt returns. J.R. McConico might get the first crack at the job.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Padron will have to be as good as or better than he was last season to keep up with the quarterback play in the West Division of C-USA, which will include Houston's Case Keenum, UTEP's Trevor Vittatoe and Tulsa's G.J. Kinne. But SMU gets Houston and Tulsa in Dallas this season after finishing 6-2 in the league in 2009. There's no question the Mustangs have momentum under third-year coach June Jones. More than half the members of his recruiting class in 2010 were three-star recruits according to Rivals.com, which is more than the three previous years combined.

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 5	at Texas Tech
Sept. 11	UAB
Sept. 18	Washington State
Sept. 24	TCU
Oct. 2	at Rice
Oct. 9	Tulsa
Oct. 16	at Navy
Oct. 23	Houston
Oct. 30	at Tulane
Nov. 6	at UTEP
Nov. 20	Marshall
Nov. 26	at East Carolina

**2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-2)**

Sept. 5	Stephen F. Austin	W	31-23
Sept. 12	at UAB	W	35-33
Sept. 19	at Washington State	L (ot)	27-30
Oct. 3	at TCU	L	14-39
Oct. 10	East Carolina	W	28-21
Oct. 17	Navy	L (ot)	35-38
Oct. 24	at Houston	L	15-38
Oct. 31	at Tulsa	W	27-13
Nov. 7	Rice	W	31-28
Nov. 14	UTEP	W	35-31
Nov. 21	at Marshall	L	31-34
Nov. 28	Tulane	W	26-21
Dec. 24	#Nevada	W	45-10
#Hawaii Bowl			

**2009 RANKINGS**

	Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	29.2	ppg	5	45
Rushing	109.8	ypg	10	103
Passing	282.0	ypg	2	15
Total	391.8	ypg	6	51
	Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	27.6	ppg	6	80
Rushing	166.7	ypg	7	88
Passing	230.4	ypg	3	79
Total	397.1	ypg	5	84
	TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
	+2	+0.15	6	51

HEAD COACH: JUNE JONES RECORD AT SCHOOL: 9-16 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 85-57 (11 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JUNE JONES DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TOM MASON

NATIONAL FORECAST

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

**2****ALDRICK ROBINSON****THE QUOTE**

"You have to put together a string of wins and let them see what you're doing over a three- to five-year period before you will compete with an Oklahoma or Texas on a kid."

— Coach June Jones

**OFFENSE (8)**

WR	24 Aldrick Robinson (Sr.)	10 Chayse Joubert (Fr.)
WR	11 Cole Beasley (Jr.)	3 Darius Johnson (So.)
WR	84 Cole Loftin (So.)	85 Ryan Walker (So.)
WR	18 Terrance Wilkerson (Jr.)	88 Bradley Haynes (Jr.)
LT	70 Kelvin Beachum (Jr.)	76 Josh Emshoff (Fr.)
LG	77 Josh LeRibeus (Jr.)	78 Jordan Free (So.)
C	64 Bryce Tension (Jr.)	63 Blake McDunkin (Jr.)
RG	71 Kelly Turner (Jr.)	78 Jordan Free (So.)
RT	79 J.T. Brooks (Jr.)	67 Bryan Collins (So.)
QB	2 Kyle Padron (So.)	15 J.J. McDermott (Jr.)
RB	48 Zach Line (So.)	1 Chris Butler (Sr.)

**DEFENSE (6)**

DE	47 Taylor Thompson (Jr.)	92 Margus Hunt (So.)
NT	72 Jimmy Chase (So.)	97 Mike O'Guin (Fr.)
DE	99 Marquis Frazier (Jr.)	90 Kevin Grenier (Jr.)
BUCK	52 Pete Fleps (Sr.)	50 Cameron Rogers (So.)
SLB	45 Youri Yenga (Sr.)	Anthony Beard (Fr.)
MLB	44 Taylor Reed (So.)	John Bordon (Fr.)
WLB	56 Ja'Gared Davis (So.)	Brandon Thornton (Fr.)
CB	30 Keivon Gamble (Fr.)	5 J.R. McConico (So.)
CB	2 Sterling Moore (Sr.)	Chris Parks (Fr.)
SS	20 Ryan Smith (So.)	7 Jay Scott (Fr.)
FS	23 Chris Banjo (Jr.)	14 Braden Smith (So.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	6 Matt Szymanski (Sr.)	KR	1 Chris Butler (Sr.)
P	6 Matt Szymanski (Sr.)	PR	5 J.R. McConico (So.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Kyle Padron, 201-135-1,922-4, 10 TDs

Rushing: Zach Line, 49 car., 189 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: Aldrick Robinson, 47 rec., 800 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Chris Banjo, 86, 45 solo

Sacks: Taylor Thompson, 5.5

Interceptions: Robert Mojica, 2 for 6 yds.

(R) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters





**OFFENSE** The key to making things work for the Green Wave is clearly defined, according to Tulane offensive coordinator Dan Dodd. "I think it's all going to revolve around how we play at quarterback," Dodd says.

That's a bit of a change for a team coached by Bob Toledo. The veteran coach has had some pretty good quarterbacks over the years, but most of the time they've been overshadowed by standout running backs. This year, though, it will be up to sophomore quarterback Ryan Griffin and a talented bunch of mostly young receivers to handle the heavy lifting. Griffin is a pure passer. The 6'5", 215-pound Southern California product set four school passing records for a freshman last season even though he only started the final six games of the season.

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An offense generally built around a dominant tailback ranked 12th in rushing in C-USA last season. Look for a different offensive emphasis this season.

Senior Casey Robottom offers experience to the receiving corps, but nearly everyone else in the mix is an underclassman. Still, D.J. Banks and Ryan Grant are big-play threats. Griffin will have plenty of targets to choose from in the passing game.

Tulane won't completely forget the run — not as long as Toledo has a say — but the Green Wave will no longer employ the I-formation. The new spread look fits the skills of a speedy group of runners, including Albert Williams, Payten Jason and J.T. McDonald. Maybe the best thing about the offense is a line that includes four returning starters, led by NFL prospect Pete Hendrickson at left tackle and fourth-year starter Andrew Nierman at center.

**DEFENSE** Steve Stanard returns for his second season as the program's defensive

coordinator. It marks the first time in Toledo's tenure at Tulane that a defensive coordinator has been around for two consecutive seasons. Things should run much more smoothly even though only three starters return.

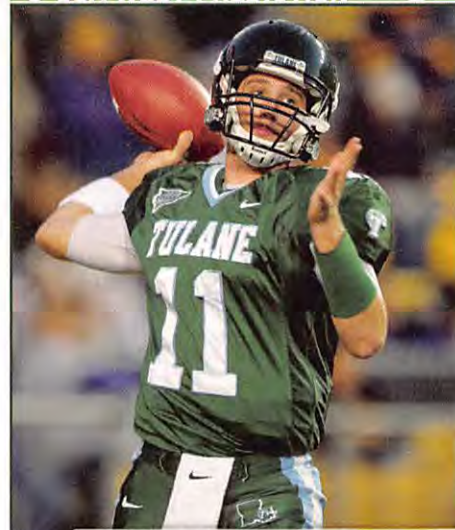
The first wave of the secondary should be very good for the Green Wave. Shakiel Smith started 10 games as a true freshman, splitting time between strong-side linebacker and nickelback. He's moved to free safety full time this season and should be one of the defensive stars. Other key members of the secondary are cornerback Phillip Davis, who has plenty of starting experience, and returning strong safety Alex Wacha. Speedy Alex Lauricella played safety last season but returns to his natural spot at cornerback.

Trent Mackey is the starter at middle linebacker after transferring from Duke and sitting out last season. Strong-side linebacker Darryl Farley is also expected to make a big impact. Linebacker depth will come from a large group of true freshmen.

The defensive front is led by tackle Justin Adams, a 460-pound bench presser, and ends Dezman Moses and Austen Jacks. Moses is a transfer from Iowa, and Jacks played middle linebacker last season because the Green Wave had a need at that position.

**SPECIALISTS** Tulane has big shoes to fill with the graduation of punter/kicker Ross Thevenot. Redshirt freshman Ryan Rome appears ready to take over as the kicker, and true freshman Jonathan Ginsburgh is expected to be the punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Green Wave need to take a critical step in Toledo's fourth season as the program's coach. Toledo leaves no doubt as to what needs to happen. "A successful season would be going to a bowl game," he says. Can that happen? Only if Griffin is as good as the coaches expect, and the defense can meld together despite youth at certain spots.



RYAN GRIFFIN

### THE QUOTE

"We have made some minor conceptual changes and gotten away from the two-back stuff and gotten a little more involved with the three-wideout stuff. I think that's helped us a bunch and just given us an opportunity to get a little more athleticism on the field."

— Offensive coordinator Dan Dodd

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	5 D.J. Banks (So.)	9 Wilson Van Hooser (Fr.)
WR	3 Ryan Grant (So.)	89 Devin Figaro (So.)
WR	19 Casey Robottom (Sr.)	87 Alan Mitchell (Sr.)
LT	58 Pete Hendrickson (Sr.)	77 L.J. Abrams (So.)
LG	71 Harris Howard (Jr.)	69 Hunter Howden (So.)
C	68 Andrew Nierman (Sr.)	66 Joey Ray (So.)
RG	65 Zach Morgan (So.)	69 Hunter Howden (So.)
RT	79 Eric Jones (So.)	72 Rio Mares (Fr.)
TE	88 Tyler Helm (Sr.)	80 Cody Sparks (Sr.)
QB	11 Ryan Griffin (So.)	2 Kevin Moore (Sr.)
RB	25 Albert Williams (Jr.)	28 Payten Jason (So.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	51 Dezman Moses (Jr.)	48 Josh Smith (Sr.)
DT	95 Justin Adams (Sr.)	98 Cedric Wilson (Jr.)
NT	62 Oscar Ponce de Leon (Sr.)	99 Chris Asumnu (Jr.)
DE	50 Austen Jacks (So.)	54 Devin Williams (Fr.)
LB	34 Darryl Farley (So.)	Andre Robinson (Fr.)
LB	20 Trent Mackey (So.)	Ray Oppman (Fr.)
LB	42 Kristofar Rhymes (Jr.)	Logan Hamilton (Fr.)
CB	13 Phillip Davis (Sr.)	10 Ryan Travis (So.)
CB	17 Alex Lauricella (So.)	33 Kendrick Washington (Fr.)
FS	4 Shakiel Smith (So.)	Cameron DeJean (Fr.)
SS	8 Alex Wacha (Sr.)	15 Taylor Echols (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	14 Ryan Rome (Fr.)	KR	3 Ryan Grant (So.)
P	Jonathan Ginsburgh (Fr.)	PR	19 Casey Robottom (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Griffin, 222-141-1,382-6, 9 TDs

Rushing: Payten Jason, 19 car., 85 yds., 0 TD

Receiving: Casey Robottom, 50 rec., 584 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Alex Wacha, 77, 48 solo

Sacks: Justin Adams, 2.5

Interceptions: Phillip Davis, 2 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	SE Louisiana
Sept. 11	Ole Miss
Sept. 25	at Houston
Oct. 2	at Rutgers
Oct. 9	Army
Oct. 16	at Tulsa
Oct. 23	at UTEP
Oct. 30	SMU
Nov. 6	Southern Miss
Nov. 13	Rice
Nov. 20	UCF
Nov. 27	at Marshall

### 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 1-7)

Sept. 4	Tulsa	L	13-37
Sept. 12	BYU	L	3-54
Sept. 26	McNeese State	W	42-32
Oct. 3	at Army	W	17-16
Oct. 10	Marshall	L	10-31
Oct. 17	Houston	L	16-44
Oct. 24	at Southern Miss	L	6-43
Oct. 31	at LSU	L	0-42
Nov. 7	UTEP	W (ot)	45-38
Nov. 14	at Rice	L	20-28
Nov. 21	at UCF	L	0-49
Nov. 28	at SMU	L	21-26

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	16.1 ppg	12	115
Rushing	105.3 ypg	12	106
Passing	207.2 ypg	9	74
Total	312.5 ypg	11	105
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	36.7 ppg	11	115
Rushing	204.8 ypg	11	109
Passing	218.0 ypg	1	57
Total	422.8 ypg	7	102
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
-16	-1.33	12	119

HEAD COACH: BOB TOLEDO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 9-27 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 87-95 (16 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAN DODD DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE STANARD



**OFFENSE** Tulsa led the country in total offense in 2007 and 2008. But the departure of co-offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn, the introduction of a first-year quarterback and a young, injury-plagued offensive line led to troubled times last fall. Every major offensive statistic dropped, and the Golden Hurricane failed to make a bowl game for the first time in five seasons.

Coach Todd Graham is hopeful that one season of experience will help starting quarterback G.J. Kinne and a line that was pressed into action. The fourth-year coach also welcomed new co-offensive coordinator Chad Morris, an ultra-successful Texas high school coach who is friends with Malzahn and used his version of the hurry-up, no-huddle attack to win state titles at Lake Travis High School.

**DEFENSE** The Golden Hurricane defense once again ranked in the lower third of the 120 FBS schools. Stopping the long pass has been problematic during recent seasons, and that is the focal point heading into the fall. TU was hit hard by graduation and recruited with the secondary in mind.

"We are going to be a young defense, and we have to do a good job of developing that defense," Graham says. "The bottom line is if we are going to win a championship here, if you are going to win a championship anywhere, you have to play defense."

Cornerbacks Charles Davis and Laquentin Black will be charged with lockdown cover roles. Safeties Dexter McCoil and DeAndre Brown will have to be sure tacklers. Tulsa uses a 3-3-5 scheme, so the line of Cory Dorris, Darrell Zellars and Odrick Ray must produce. Linebacker Tanner Antle will have to be an important factor.

**SPECIALISTS** Damaris Johnson is potent on returns. He has ranked in the top 5 nationally in all-purpose yardage in his first two seasons, and he led the country with 224 all-purpose yards per game in 2009. He ranked second in Conference USA with a 14.2-yard average on punt returns last season and is a threat to score with each kickoff return. Michael Such is the league's top returning punter after averaging 44.5 yards per kick last season. Kevin Fitzpatrick was 13-of-14 on field-goal attempts last year; his only miss came on a 50-yard attempt.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Tulsa's 5-7 record last year was disappointing for coaches, players and fans. Many hope it is just an aberration, but it will be difficult to improve on the record this season. The Hurricane have a deadly road schedule that includes trips to Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, East Carolina, Houston and SMU.

Qualifying for a bowl game or the C-USA Championship Game for the fourth time in six years will be a challenge.



DAMARIS JOHNSON

### THE QUOTE

"Our guys expect to win, period. Do I feel more pressure? No, because I put more pressure on myself than anybody puts on me and the team. It is important that our expectations are where they are because of where we have come from."

— Coach Todd Graham

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	3 Damaris Johnson (Jr.)	11 Freeman Kelley (So.)
FL	2 A.J. Whitmore (Sr.)	84 Genesis Cole (Jr.)
SE	1 Trae Johnson (Sr.)	5 Ricky Johnson (So.)
LT	78 Tyler Holmes (Jr.)	77 Jared Grigg (So.)
LG	72 Clint Anderson (Jr.)	65 Gabe Moyer (Fr.)
C	Jake Alexander (Fr.)	53 Trent Dupy (So.)
RG	73 Brian DeShane (So.)	60 Nick Gates (Sr.)
RT	75 Brandon Thomas (Jr.)	70 David Lazenby (Sr.)
HB	9 Charles Clay (Sr.)	34 Willie Carter (So.)
QB	4 G.J. Kinne (Jr.)	7 Shavodrick Beaver (So.)
TB	23 Jamad Williams (Sr.)	8 Alex Singleton (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	90 Odrick Ray (Sr.)	Tyrann Walker (Jr.)
NG	96 Darrell Zellars (Jr.)	92 Derrick Jackson (So.)
RE	93 Cory Dorris (So.)	Durrell Finch (Jr.)
SLB	32 Cornelius Arnick (Jr.)	41 Cody Wilson (Fr.)
MLB	44 Shawn Jackson (Fr.)	11 Alan Dock (So.)
WLB	40 Tanner Antle (Sr.)	43 Donnell Hawkins (Fr.)
SPUR	5 DeAndre Brown (Jr.)	7 Trent Wilkins (So.)
CB	24 Charles Davis (Sr.)	1 Tony Peoples (Fr.)
CB	20 Laquentin Black (Sr.)	25 Chris Ford (Jr.)
BAN	21 John Flanders (Jr.)	27 Milton Howell (Jr.)
FS	26 Dexter McCoil (So.)	15 Bryan Burnham (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	47 Kevin Fitzpatrick (Jr.)	KR	3 Damaris Johnson (Jr.)
P	35 Michael Such (Sr.)	PR	3 Damaris Johnson (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: G.J. Kinne, 345-210-2,732-10, 22 TDs  
 Rushing: G.J. Kinne, 151 car., 393 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Damaris Johnson, 78 rec., 1,131 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: DeAndre Brown, 102, 54 solo  
 Sacks: Un'tavious Scott, 6  
 Interceptions: Three players tied with 1

( # ) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Quarterback G.J. Kinne was sacked 43 times in 2009, the second-highest total among FBS quarterbacks. Tulsa desperately needs better protection up front for Kinne to have success this season.

Morris spent spring drills getting acquainted with Kinne, who threw for 2,732 yards and 22 touchdowns last year and added a team-high 393 rushing yards. He became the first quarterback in school history to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 in the same game.

Kinne's primary weapons will be receivers Damaris Johnson, Trae Johnson and Charles Clay. Damaris Johnson had 78 catches for 1,131 yards and three scores last season. Trae Johnson has 24 career touchdown catches and needs eight more to tie the school mark. Clay has 2,018 receiving yards and 21 scoring receptions in his TU career.

Tulsa must establish a consistent running game. Look for Jamad Williams to get an early look, but he will be pressed by Alex Singleton and newcomers Derrick Hall and Ja'Terian Douglas.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	at East Carolina
Sept. 11	Bowling Green
Sept. 18	at Oklahoma State
Sept. 25	Central Arkansas
Oct. 2	at Memphis
Oct. 9	at SMU
Oct. 16	Tulane
Oct. 30	at Notre Dame
Nov. 6	Rice
Nov. 13	at Houston
Nov. 20	UTEP
Nov. 27	Southern Miss

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)

Sept. 4	at Tulane	W	37-13
Sept. 12	at New Mexico	W	44-10
Sept. 19	at Oklahoma	L	0-45
Sept. 26	Sam Houston State	W	56-3
Oct. 3	at Rice	W	27-10
Oct. 14	Boise State	L	21-28
Oct. 21	at UTEP	L	24-28
Oct. 31	SMU	L	13-27
Nov. 7	Houston	L	45-46
Nov. 15	East Carolina	L	17-44
Nov. 21	at Southern Miss	L	34-44
Nov. 27	Memphis	W (ot)	33-30

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	29.3 ppg	4	44
Rushing	150.8 ypg	6	58
Passing	259.3 ypg	4	32
Total	410.1 ypg	5	35
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	27.3 ppg	5	74
Rushing	147.0 ypg	6	63
Passing	250.2 ypg	6	103
Total	397.2 ypg	6	85
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
-2	-0.17	7	72

HEAD COACH: TODD GRAHAM RECORD AT SCHOOL: 26-14 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 33-20 (4 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: HERB HAND, CHAD MORRIS CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: KEITH PATTERSON, PAUL RANDOLPH





# UTEP

EL PASO, TEXAS SUN BOWL (51,500)

## MINERS

**OFFENSE** UTEP set a school record for yardage last season, the latest chapter of an outstanding seven-year run on that side of the ball under coach Mike Price. Every year, the Miners have managed to answer all the offseason questions on offense, perhaps none more emphatically than at running back last season. Donald Buckram emerged from a committee to turn in the greatest statistical rushing season in school history. He reached 1,594 yards and mounted a serious challenge for the national rushing title before an injury limited him in the final game of the season.

The man directing the attack is fourth-year starter Trevor Vittatoe, looking to bounce back from a subpar 2009, when he threw almost as many interceptions (13) as he did in his first two years combined (16). He actually began the turnaround in the last part of '09, but then he had a spring to forget. First he was suspended for two weeks for an undisclosed violation of team rules, then he had surgery on his throwing shoulder in what was termed "minor procedure." As a result, he didn't throw a single pass in the spring. Still, he's a proven commodity and has a veteran offensive line in front of him with three returning starters, headlined by right tackle Alex Solot and right guard Rod Huntley.

# 110

UTEP ranked 110th in the nation in total defense last year — its best showing since 2006. The Miners were 115th in 2008 and 117th in 2007.

Receiver Kris Adams, who went from 14 touchdowns as a sophomore to two last year, needs to bounce back and produce this fall. The Miners must replace Jeff Moturi and his 974 receiving yards.

**DEFENSE** For all the records the UTEP offense has set under Price, the Miner bowl

drought has reached four years because they haven't stopped anyone. This year, the Miners will have their third coordinator and third scheme in the past four seasons.

The defensive line is a study in contrasts. Ends Bernard Obi and Robert Soleyjacks have a wealth of experience — Soleyjacks will be a third-year starter — while the tackles will be almost completely new.

UTEP has almost everything back from a deep rotation at linebacker. Anthony Morrow and Royzell Smith are returning starters, while Jamie Irving will battle incumbent starter Jeremy Springer in the middle.

Fifth-year senior safety Braxton Amy is by far the most proven defender. Most of the rest of the secondary will be made up of players who were backups last year. Brandon Miller, DeShawn Grayson, Wiston Jeune and Richard Spencer will compete for time at safety, while Drew Thomas, junior college transfer Travaun Nixon, Antwon Blake and Martel Strange will fight at cornerback.

**SPECIALISTS** The UTEP kicking game is resting entirely on junior college transfer Dakota Warren, who will step onto campus in the fall as the projected kicker and punter. Everyone behind him is a walk-on with a collective zero college kicks.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** UTEP's prospects this season are similar to those of the previous three. If the defense can achieve a top-100 national ranking, the offense should be good enough to carry the team to a bowl. That hasn't happened since 2005.

Helping matters is an easier non-conference schedule that includes the two New Mexico schools (4–21 last year) and FCS team Arkansas-Pine Bluff. A fast start is essential; four of the final six games are on the road, headlined by season-ending trips to Arkansas and Tulsa.

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C-USA WEST PREDICTION

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DONALD BUCKRAM

### THE QUOTE

"We have to get better on defense. They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. We're not doing the same things."

— Coach Mike Price

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	19 Evan Davis (Sr.)	6 Marlon McClure (So.)
WR	84 Donavon Kemp (Jr.)	83 Jeken Frye (So.)
WR	2 Kris Adams (Sr.)	17 Russell Carr (Jr.)
LT	54 Will Osolinsky (Sr.)	58 Brander Craighead (So.)
LG	65 Anthony McNac (Sr.)	60 Nathan McCage (Jr.)
C	79 Tanner Cullumber (Sr.)	63 Eloy Atkinson (So.)
RG	74 Rod Huntley (Sr.)	77 Paul Santillan (So.)
RT	70 Alex Solot (Sr.)	68 James Nelson (So.)
TE	36 Jonny Moore (Sr.)	85 Elijah Goldtrap (Sr.)
QB	10 Trevor Vittatoe (Sr.)	5 James Thomas II (Sr.)
RB	3 Donald Buckram (Sr.)	20 Vernon Frazier (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

LE	13 Robert Soleyjacks (Sr.)	92 Adam Ayala (Fr.)
LT	61 Germard Reed (Fr.)	91 Isaac Tauaefa (So.)
NT	59 Jamie Fehoko (Jr.)	76 Ruben Munoz (So.)
RE	46 Bernard Obi (Jr.)	44 Greg Watkins (So.)
WLB	11 Anthony Morrow (Sr.)	38 Isaiah Carter (Jr.)
MLB	4 Jamie Irving (Jr.)	8 Jeremy Springer (Jr.)
SLB	52 Royzell Smith (Jr.)	48 Aubrey Alexius (So.)
CB	9 Antwon Blake (Jr.)	23 Martel Strange (Sr.)
CB	5 Travaun Nixon (Jr.)	10 Drew Thomas (So.)
SS	1 Braxton Amy (Sr.)	29 Wiston Jeune (Sr.)
FS	25 Brandon Miller (Sr.)	2 DeShawn Grayson (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	33 Dakota Warren (So.)	KR	5 Travaun Nixon (Jr.)
P	33 Dakota Warren (So.)	PR	6 Marlon McClure (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Trevor Vittatoe, 409-224-3,308-13, 17 TDs  
 Rushing: Donald Buckram, 259 car, 1,594 yds., 18 TDs  
 Receiving: Kris Adams, 42 rec., 580 yds., 2 TD  
 Tackles: Royzell Smith, 68, 22 solo  
 Sacks: Bernard Obi, 2  
 Interceptions: Braxton Amy, 5 for 72 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Sept. 10	at Houston
Sept. 18	New Mexico State
Sept. 25	Memphis
Oct. 2	at New Mexico
Oct. 9	Rice
Oct. 16	at UAB
Oct. 23	Tulane
Oct. 30	at Marshall
Nov. 6	SMU
Nov. 13	at Arkansas
Nov. 20	at Tulsa

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Buffalo	L	17–23
Sept. 12	Kansas	L	7–34
Sept. 19	at New Mexico State	W	38–12
Sept. 26	at Texas	L	7–64
Oct. 3	Houston	W	58–41
Oct. 10	at Memphis	L	20–35
Oct. 21	Tulsa	W	28–24
Oct. 31	UAB	L	33–38
Nov. 7	at Tulane	L	38–45
Nov. 14	at SMU	L	31–35
Nov. 21	at Rice	L	29–30
Nov. 28	Marshall	W	52–21

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	29.8 ppg	3	35
Rushing	151.1 ypg	5	57
Passing	277.6 ypg	3	20
Total	428.7 ypg	2	18
Defense	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
Scoring	33.5 ppg	9	104
Rushing	200.8 ypg	10	106
Passing	246.1 ypg	5	98
Total	446.9 ypg	8	110
TO Margin	Per Game	C-USA	Nat'l
-3	-0.25	8	77

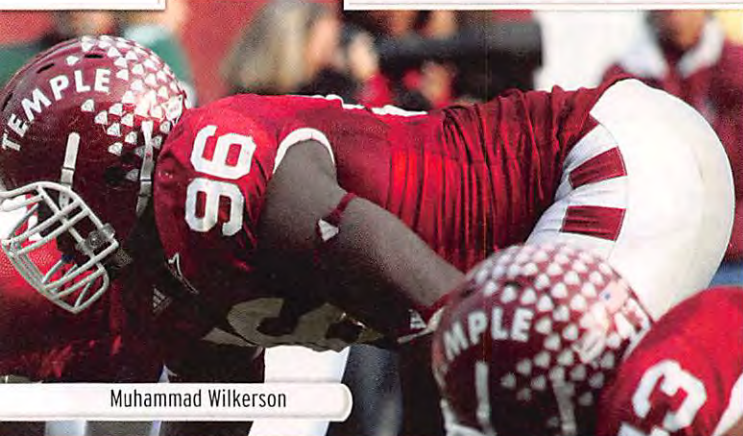
HEAD COACH: MIKE PRICE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 34–38 (6 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 163–160 (28 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BOB CONNELLY, AARON PRICE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ANDRE PATTERSON





# MID-AMERICA



Muhammad Wilkerson

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	EAST	MAC	OVERALL
	1. TEMPLE	7-1	10-3
	2. OHIO	6-2	8-4
	3. KENT STATE	5-3	6-6
	4. BUFFALO	4-4	5-7
	5. AKRON	2-6	3-9
	6. BOWLING GREEN	2-6	2-10
	7. MIAMI	1-7	1-11
	WEST		
	1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS	8-0	9-4
	2. TOLEDO	6-2	6-6
	3. CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5-3	6-6
	4. WESTERN MICHIGAN	4-4	5-7
	5. BALL STATE	2-6	4-8
	6. EASTERN MICHIGAN	0-8	0-12

## MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TEMPLE OVER NORTHERN ILLINOIS

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AKRON	8	11	12	9	7	4	8
BALL STATE	9	4	10	12	11	8	12
BOWLING GREEN	13	7	5	10	10	12	9
BUFFALO	12	5	11	5	4	9	1
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7	12	6	2	6	1	7
EASTERN MICHIGAN	10	9	13	11	13	13	13
KENT STATE	1	3	7	8	5	6	2
MIAMI	4	13	2	13	12	11	11
NO. ILLINOIS	5	2	9	7	3	3	4
OHIO	3	8	3	6	2	5	5
TEMPLE	6	1	8	1	1	2	3
TOLEDO	2	6	4	3	8	7	10
WESTERN MICHIGAN	11	10	1	4	9	10	6

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Spencer Keith	6'3"	215	So.	Kent State
RB	Bernard Pierce	6'0"	218	So.	Temple
RB	Chad Spann	5'9"	198	Sr.	Northern Illinois
WR	Eric Page	5'10"	165	So.	Toledo
WR	Armand Robinson	6'1"	200	Sr.	Miami
TE	Danny Noble	6'5"	236	Jr.	Toledo
C	Colin Miller	6'3"	292	Sr.	Central Michigan
OL	Peter Bittner	6'4"	297	Sr.	Buffalo
OL	Joe Flading	6'4"	289	Jr.	Ohio
OL	Colin Madison	6'4"	320	Sr.	Temple
OL	Darius Morris	6'4"	315	Sr.	Temple

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Sean Murnane	6'1"	266	Sr.	Central Michigan
DL	Adrian Robinson	6'2"	245	Jr.	Temple
DL	Monte Simmons	6'3"	226	Sr.	Kent State
DL	Muhammad Wilkerson	6'5"	300	Jr.	Temple
LB	Nick Bellore	6'1"	241	Sr.	Central Michigan
LB	Noah Keller	6'1"	227	Sr.	Ohio
LB	Cobrani Mixon	6'1"	240	Sr.	Kent State
CB	Dominic Cook	5'8"	186	Sr.	Buffalo
CB	Josh Pleasant	5'10"	181	Jr.	Kent State
S	Brian Lainhart	6'1"	207	Sr.	Kent State
S	Davonte Shannon	6'0"	196	Sr.	Buffalo

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Matt Weller	6'0"	208	So.	Ohio
P	Matt Rinehart	5'9"	171	Jr.	Kent State
KR	James Nixon	6'1"	185	Jr.	Temple
PR	LaVon Brazill	5'11"	188	Sr.	Ohio

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Austin Dantin	6'2"	185	So.	Toledo
RB	Eugene Jarvis	5'5"	170	Sr.	Kent State
RB	Morgan Williams	5'11"	195	Jr.	Toledo
WR	LaVon Brazill	5'11"	188	Sr.	Ohio
WR	Tyshon Goode	6'1"	182	So.	Kent State
TE	David Blackburn	6'3"	233	Jr.	Central Michigan
C	John Palumbo	6'5"	305	Jr.	Temple
OL	Trevor Olson	6'6"	306	Jr.	Northern Illinois
OL	Anthony Parker	6'5"	305	Jr.	Western Michigan
OL	Mike VanDerMeulen	6'7"	315	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Corey Woods	6'5"	300	Sr.	Akron

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Ernie Hodge	6'2"	292	Sr.	Ohio
DL	Elisha Joseph	6'3"	280	Sr.	Temple
DL	Steven Means	6'3"	232	So.	Buffalo
DL	Almondo Sewell	6'1"	285	Sr.	Akron
LB	Archie Donald	6'2"	235	Sr.	Toledo
LB	Amara Kamara	6'2"	235	Sr.	Temple
LB	Brian Wagner	6'2"	220	So.	Akron
CB	Brandon Stephens	5'10"	205	Sr.	Miami
CB	Julian Posey	5'11"	187	Sr.	Ohio
S	Sean Baker	6'1"	204	Jr.	Ball State
S	Jaiquawn Jarrett	6'2"	197	Sr.	Temple

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Ian McGarvey	5'9"	195	Sr.	Ball State
P	Ben Armer	5'10"	201	Jr.	Western Michigan
KR	Tommy Davis	5'11"	201	So.	Northern Illinois
PR	Delano Green	5'10"	170	Sr.	Temple

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**OFFENSE** The Zips' schematic change from a spread to a pro-style attack seems to agree with incumbent quarterback Patrick Nicely, who started the final seven games in 2009. While new coach Rob Ianello says the 6'4", 215-pound sophomore will compete with junior Matt Rodgers for the starting job in fall camp, Nicely's skill set better fits the pro system, and his head start with the offense would figure to give him the edge.

His favorite targets will likely be senior flanker Jeremy LaFrance and converted strong safety Jalil Carter, who made a successful move to split end during spring ball.

Akron's running game needs to show significant improvement as it ranked 94th nationally last year with 118.4 yards per game. Senior Alex Allen (188 yards, five TDs) and sophomore Broderick Alexander (198 yards) are the leading returnees, but true freshman Erick Howard is a two-time Ohio Mr. Football and figures to get his shot.

Whoever totes the ball gets to operate behind three veteran linemen in junior left tackle Corey Woods (a third-team All-MAC pick), senior left guard Mike Ward and junior right tackle Jake Anderson.

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Akron assistants have spent a combined 26 seasons as either offensive or defensive coordinators for BCS conference schools.

**DEFENSE** Akron's shift to a 4-3 should be good news, at least in the front seven, where new defensive coordinator Curt Mallory (late of Illinois) can call on six veterans who started at least eight games last year.

Up front, three veterans occupy the two interior spots. Senior tackle Almondo Sewell, who has been no worse than third-team All-MAC in each of his first three years, leads a group that includes junior end Hasan Hazime

(eight tackles for a loss, three sacks).

Sophomore middle linebacker Brian Wagner, who ranked seventh nationally last season with 11.0 tackles per game, returns with senior Mike Thomas (72 stops) by his side. Fellow senior starter Sean Fobbs tries to make the transition from rush linebacker to the weak-side backer but finds himself behind Troy Gilmer on the depth chart.

An unproven secondary's rapid improvement will be a key. With Carter moved to receiver, junior corner Manley Waller (three interceptions) is the only returning starter.

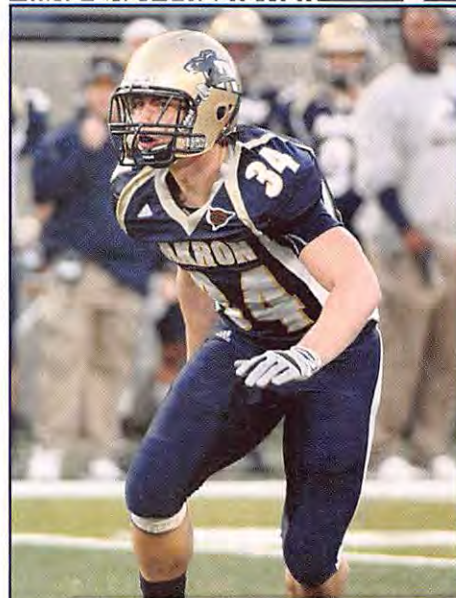
**SPECIALISTS** Punter Zack Campbell (38.3 yards per punt) and kicker Branko Rogovic are back, though sophomore T.J. Marchese pulled into a dead heat with Rogovic (7-of-15 on field goals) during the spring. Long snapper Adam Steiner also returns.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Ianello long has been known as one of the nation's finest recruiters. Now he embarks on his first chance to prove himself as one of the nation's rising coaches. Akron hired the 44-year-old Ianello — who made his name as a recruiting coordinator for Notre Dame, Arizona and Wisconsin — in December, and he soon launched an all-out rebuilding job with the Zips.

He and his big-name staff (which includes several former Big Ten coordinators) used their first few months to exchange the spread offense for a pro-style attack and traded Akron's former 3-3-5 defense for a more traditional 4-3.

Akron has made only one bowl appearance (the 2005 Motor City Bowl) in its first 23 years as an FBS program.

Ianello didn't take this job to maintain that lackluster pace, but the Zips might need to take a step back while they install new offensive and defensive systems before moving forward.



BRIAN WAGNER

### THE QUOTE

"I've never been under center. It sounds elementary, but it's really complex."

— Quarterback Patrick Nicely, on adjusting to the Zips' new offensive formations

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	2 Jalil Carter (Sr.)	80 Nadir Brown (So.)
FL	82 Jeremy LaFrance (Sr.)	6 Curtis Brown (Jr.)
LT	75 Corey Woods (Jr.)	63 Joe Pachuta (Fr.)
LG	71 Mike Ward (Sr.)	66 Sean McCarthy (So.)
C	70 Paul Simkovich (Jr.)	53 Dan Ronsman (Jr.)
RG	72 Zac Kasperek (Jr.)	64 Mitch Straight (So.)
RT	73 Jake Anderson (Jr.)	77 Joe Vidovic (Fr.)
TE	85 Kyle Weber (Sr.)	84 Rhine Ladrach (So.)
QB	7 Patrick Nicely (So.)	5 Matt Rodgers (Jr.)
FB	41 LeVon Morefield (Sr.)	46 Blake Fraley (Fr.)
RB	10 Alex Allen (Sr.)	15 Nate Burney (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	8 Shawn Lemon (Sr.)	67 Deni Odofin (Sr.)
DT	56 Almondo Sewell (Sr.)	52 Marquinn Davis (Jr.)
DE	60 Dan Marcoux (Jr.)	97 James Harvey (Jr.)
DT	96 Hasan Hazime (Jr.)	13 Shane Sheard (Jr.)
SLB	20 Mike Thomas (Sr.)	39 Tony Longo (Fr.)
MLB	34 Brian Wagner (So.)	49 Matt Little (Jr.)
WLB	5 Troy Gilmer (So.)	23 Sean Fobbs (Sr.)
CB	6 Manley Waller (Jr.)	21 Bill Alexander (Fr.)
CB	1 Diamond Weaver (Sr.)	15 Marvase Byrd (So.)
SS	9 Doug Richardson (Sr.)	33 Josh Richmond (So.)
FS	26 Kevin Davis (Sr.)	14 Thomas Miller (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	37 Branko Rogovic (Sr.)	KR	2 Jalil Carter (Sr.)
P	8 Zack Campbell (Jr.)	PR	82 Jeremy LaFrance (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Patrick Nicely, 222-120-1,349-6, 6 TDs  
Rushing: Broderick Alexander, 59 car., 198 yds., 0 TDs  
Receiving: Jeremy LaFrance, 43 rec., 520 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Brian Wagner, 132, 72 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 3

Interceptions: Manley Waller, 3 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Syracuse
Sept. 11	Gardner Webb
Sept. 18	at Kentucky
Sept. 25	at Indiana
Oct. 2	Northern Illinois
Oct. 9	at Kent State
Oct. 16	at Ohio
Oct. 23	Western Michigan
Oct. 30	at Temple
Nov. 6	at Ball State
Nov. 17	Miami (OH)
Nov. 26	Buffalo

### 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 2-6)

Sept. 5	at Penn State	L	7-31
Sept. 12	Morgan State	W	41-0
Sept. 19	Indiana	L	21-38
Sept. 26	at Central Michigan	L	21-48
Oct. 10	Ohio	L	7-19
Oct. 17	at Buffalo	L	17-21
Oct. 24	at Syracuse	L	14-28
Oct. 31	at Northern Illinois	L	10-27
Nov. 7	Kent State	W	28-20
Nov. 13	Temple	L	17-56
Nov. 20	at Bowling Green	L	20-36
Nov. 27	Eastern Michigan	W	28-21

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	19.3 ppg	9	106
Rushing	118.4 ypg	8	94
Passing	182.5 ypg	9	96
Total	300.9 ypg	11	113
Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.8 ppg	10	87
Rushing	171.9 ypg	9	91
Passing	195.8 ypg	4	31
Total	367.7 ypg	7	59
TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
-5	-0.42	8	87

HEAD COACH: ROB IANELLO RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOHN LATINA DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CURT MALLORY





**OFFENSE** For the past four seasons, Buffalo has taken great pride in its quick-strike offense, but new coach Jeff Quinn wants to pick up the pace. The Bulls have bought into the new up-tempo, no-huddle offensive approach being installed by Quinn, who also will call the plays.

But after starter Zach Maynard transferred to Cal, Quinn must break in a new quarterback. The leader is sophomore Jerry Davis, who appeared in five games and made one start last season. Redshirt freshman Alex Dennison is long, strong-armed and athletic, and the staff is high on true freshman Alex Zordich.

Quinn has lots of options at running back. Seniors Brandon Thermilus and Ike Nduka shared the load last season, but Jeffvon Gill ran well when Nduka was injured and Branden Oliver showed flashes of greatness during the spring. This figures to be an intriguing battle during preseason camp.

Shannon, a three-time first-team All-MAC selection, and corners Domonic Cook and Josh Thomas have a combined 89 starts. The next step is finding a strong safety, but all four players vying for the job are capable.

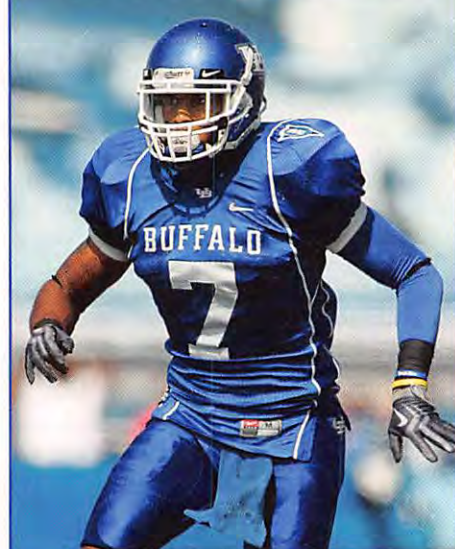
The Bulls will run their base 4-3 defense, but will also employ a hybrid 3-4 scheme. The line welcomes back two starters in run-stuffing senior tackle Anel Montanez and promising sophomore end Steven Means, who led the Bulls with five sacks.

At linebacker, senior Justin Winters is an All-MAC selection who is active and disruptive, but the Bulls will miss junior Scott Pettigrew, who tore two ligaments in his right knee and will likely miss the season. Senior Raphael Akobundu has started 15 games in his career, including the final two of last season. Juniors John Syty and Fred Branch will be counted on to pick up the slack after Pettigrew's injury. Sophomore Darius Willis appeared in four games, including two starts, before being sidelined for the remainder of last season with a shoulder injury.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker A.J. Principe enters his senior season holding a number of school records, including most field goals (37). Junior Peter Fardon, who has handled the bulk of the punts over the past two seasons, and senior John Rachuna will battle for the starting punting job.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Let's just say Buffalo might throw the ball around some this year. Even with a new quarterback and receivers, the spread offense dictates that the ball move through the air, although the depth at tailback means the Bulls will run some, too. The defense was solid last year and returns enough talent that it again should be stout. The schedule isn't overwhelming, although Bowling Green, Akron and Ohio are all on the road.

Looking for a sleeper to win the MAC? This is a good place to start.



DAVONTE SHANNON

### THE QUOTE

"I'm excited about our system, I'm excited about our offense, our special teams and the coaches coaching, and think our kids are eager to get to that point, too."

— Coach Jeff Quinn

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	5 Terrell Jackson (Jr.)	10 Ed Young (Jr.)
WR	2 Marcus Rivers (Jr.)	16 Saron Hood (So.)
WR	80 Fred Lee (Fr.)	Devon Hughes (Fr.)
LT	77 Jordan Jerrold (Sr.)	70 Pat Wilson (Fr.)
LG	73 Peter Bittner (Sr.)	64 Solomon Richberg (Jr.)
C	75 Josh Violanti (Jr.)	68 Brian Kelly (Sr.)
RG	79 Gokhan Ozkan (So.)	71 Jose Cortes (So.)
RT	78 Matt Ostrowski (Jr.)	70 Pat Wilson (Fr.)
TE	89 Michael Marr (Sr.)	87 Aaron Connacher (Jr.)
QB	4 Jerry Davis (So.)	14 Alex Dennison (Fr.)
RB	27 Brandon Thermilus (Sr.)	21 Jeffvon Gill (So.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	40 Steven Means (So.)	99 Gordon DuBois (Jr.)
DT	54 Richie Smith (Jr.)	74 Anel Montanez (Sr.)
DT	53 Jerry Housey (Sr.)	93 Terry Peden (So.)
DE	54 Khalil Mack (Fr.)	96 Jaleel Verser (So.)
LB	26 John Syty (Jr.)	3 Josh Copeland (Jr.)
LB	51 Raphael Akobundu (Sr.)	35 Mark Richardson (So.)
LB	34 Justin Winters (Sr.)	42 Fred Branch (Jr.)
CB	25 Domonic Cook (Sr.)	22 Sherrod Lott (Sr.)
CB	15 Josh Thomas (Jr.)	31 Carlos Lammons (Fr.)
FS	7 Davonte Shannon (Sr.)	9 Alan Hayes (Jr.)
SS	8 Isaac Baugh (So.)	49 Bunduka Kargbo (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	39 A.J. Principe (Sr.)	KR	25 Domonic Cook (Sr.)
P	13 Peter Fardon (Jr.)	PR	25 Domonic Cook (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jerry Davis, 15-8-145-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Ike Nduka, 96 car., 598 yds., 6 TDs

Receiving: Terrell Jackson, 25 rec., 250 yds., 0 TD

Tackles: Davonte Shannon, 97, 50 solo

Sacks: Steven Means, 5

Interceptions: Davonte Shannon, 2 for 50 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Buffalo won 20 games during former coach Turner Gill's four years at Buffalo after winning only 10 in the previous seven seasons.

Buffalo must replace Naaman Roosevelt and Brett Hamlin, two of the most prolific wideouts in school history, as well as tight end Jesse Rack. With 25 catches for 250 yards last season, junior Terrell Jackson is the most experienced of the returning receivers. Junior Marcus Rivers is a big target and is penciled in as a starter, but problems with drops sent him to the bench late in the season.

Senior guard Peter Bittner, a second-team All-MAC selection in 2009, leads four returning starters up front.

**DEFENSE** Defense is the team's strength, and the secondary is its deepest and most experienced unit. Free safety Davonte

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Rhode Island
Sept. 11	at Baylor
Sept. 18	UCF
Sept. 25	at Connecticut
Oct. 2	at Bowling Green
Oct. 16	at Northern Illinois
Oct. 23	Temple
Oct. 30	Miami (Ohio)
Nov. 4	at Ohio
Nov. 12	Ball State
Nov. 20	Eastern Michigan
Nov. 26	at Akron

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	at UTEP	W	23-17
Sept. 12	Pittsburgh	L	27-54
Sept. 19	at UCF	L	17-23
Sept. 26	at Temple	L	13-37
Oct. 3	Central Michigan	L	13-20
Oct. 10	Gardner-Webb	W	40-3
Oct. 17	Akron	W	21-17
Oct. 24	at Western Michigan	L (ot)	31-34
Nov. 3	Bowling Green	L	29-30
Nov. 10	Ohio	L	24-27
Nov. 18	at Miami (Ohio)	W	42-17
Nov. 27	at Kent State	W	9-6

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.1 ppg	8	82	
Rushing	163.5 ypg	4	46	
Passing	241.9 ypg	6	38	
Total	405.4 ypg	3	39	
	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	23.8 ppg	6	50	
Rushing	131.8 ypg	4	44	
Passing	210.9 ypg	7	47	
Total	342.7 ypg	3	42	
	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	-7	-0.58	10	103

HEAD COACH: JEFF QUINN RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 1-1 (FIRST FULL SEASON)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GREG FOREST DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WILLIAM INGE





# BOWLING GREEN

## FALCONS

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO DOYT PERRY STADIUM (24,000)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
MAC EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The Falcons have operated in a comfort zone for the past three seasons while quarterback Tyler Sheehan linked up with receiver Freddie Barnes. Barnes accumulated 298 career receptions, and Sheehan threw for 10,117 yards and 70 touchdowns. That ultra-productive backbone of the Bowling Green offense is gone.

Second-year coach Dave Clawson, who had a knack for developing productive offenses while he was winning two Division I-AA National Coach of the Year awards at Fordham and Richmond, has another opportunity to strut his stuff. Only four offensive starters return, and the Falcons have been auditioning four candidates at quarterback, only one of whom (sophomore Aaron Pankratz) has any experience (one game).

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Bowling Green's four quarterbacks have appeared in a total of one game. Sophomore Aaron Pankratz completed five passes for 52 yards in the Boise State game last season.

Senior Willie Geter brings a slippery and elusive style to the running attack, and sophomore John Pettigrew should impress with more playing time. Adrian Hodges seems like the only sure thing at receiver after catching 46 balls last season, but redshirt freshman Shaun Joplin has the athleticism and instincts to become a playmaker in a hurry, which is something the Falcons desperately need.

The line should be the most stable portion of the offense. Center Ben Bojicic and tackle Tyler Donahue return as starters, and Blaec Walker, Chip Robinson and Scott Lewis have all been consistent backups who now seem ready to become full-time contributors.

**DEFENSE** The Falcons will rely on their defense to hold things together early in the season while they work through the limitations

of inexperience on offense. With plenty of depth and experience, the line will be one of the team's strengths this season. End Angelo Magnone and tackle Kevin Alvarado both started last season and are among six returning lettermen up front.

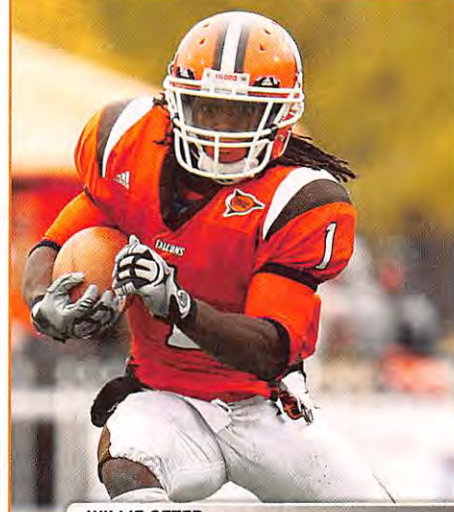
The flip-side situation exists at linebacker, where a total makeover takes place. All three starters, including the team's top two tacklers, are gone, and now Ryan Crow, Eugene Fells, Tim Moore, Calvin Marshall and Dwayne Woods are looking to fill the considerable void. Fells had 44 tackles and 3.5 tackles for a loss last season, while Woods rotated in the middle and posted 24 stops and a couple of quarterback hurries.

Junior cornerback Adrien Spencer becomes the veteran leader on the back end of the defense. He had 42 tackles and a 64-yard interception return for a score a year ago. Keith Morgan should play one safety spot, and Robert Lorenzi will be in the mix at cornerback.

**SPECIALISTS** Sophomore kicker Jerry Phillips is expected to be pressed by Matt Oczypok and Steve Stein following an injury-shortened 2009 in which he nailed all 17 extra point tries and 8-of-13 field goal attempts. The punting job is so wide open that Phillips is in the hunt for that one, too.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Falcons are scrambling to plug in the right personnel after watching a good chunk of last year's MAC East third-place team depart. Clawson is faced with the unusual challenge of rebuilding the program in his second season — a daunting task considering that more than half of the scholarship players on his roster have little or no game experience.

The Falcons need a new leader in the huddle on offense, and their defense must hold up while that process evolves. The schedule amounts to a baptism by fire; the first month features trips to Troy, Tulsa and Michigan and a home date with Marshall.



WILLIE GETER

### THE QUOTE

"When you are going to play a new quarterback, you need to become a more balanced offense. We've made good strides in the running game and at receiver, and the competition there is intense. If you don't show up to play every day, you're going to get passed by."

— Coach Dave Clawson

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	9 Adrian Hodges (Jr.)	19 Kamar Jordan (Jr.)
WR	83 Shaun Joplin (Fr.)	8 Tyrone Pronty (Sr.)
WR	2 Ray Hutson (Jr.)	80 Justus Jones (Jr.)
LT	77 Blaec Walker (So.)	60 Casey McHugh (Sr.)
LG	68 Scott Lewis (Jr.)	62 Preston Burrell (Jr.)
C	61 Ben Bojicic (Jr.)	65 Kyle Bryant (Fr.)
RG	71 Chip Robinson (So.)	72 Nick Torresso (Sr.)
RT	56 Tyler Donahue (Sr.)	60 Casey McHugh (Sr.)
TE	44 Nick Rieke (Sr.)	99 Alex Bayer (Fr.)
QB	11 Matt Schilz (Fr.)	14 Aaron Pankratz (So.)
RB	1 Willie Geter (Sr.)	20 John Pettigrew (So.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	55 Angelo Magnone (Sr.)	58 Jairus Campbell (Fr.)
DT	98 Andrew Johnson (Jr.)	91 Chris Jones (So.)
DT	59 Jordan Roussos (So.)	92 Kevin Alvarado (Jr.)
DE	97 Darius Smith (Sr.)	90 Dylan Farrington (Fr.)
LB	42 Eugene Fells (Sr.)	10 Calvin Marshall (Sr.)
LB	47 Dwayne Woods (So.)	35 Ryan Crow (Sr.)
LB	41 Tim Moore (So.)	51 Paul Swan (Fr.)
CB	21 Adrien Spencer (Jr.)	28 Cameron Truss (Fr.)
CB	23 Robert Lorenzi (Sr.)	38 Aunre' Davis (Fr.)
S	32 Keith Morgan (Jr.)	15 Lane Robilotto (So.)
S	4 Jovan Leacock (Jr.)	25 Jonathan Davis (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	48 Jerry Phillips (So.)	KR	9 Adrian Hodges (Jr.)
P	48 Jerry Phillips (So.)	PR	83 Shaun Joplin (Fr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Aaron Pankratz, 13-5-52-0, 0 TD  
Rushing: Willie Geter, 176 car., 705 yds., 9 TDs  
Receiving: Adrian Hodges, 46 rec., 417 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Keith Morgan, 68, 43 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 2.5  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Troy
Sept. 11	at Tulsa
Sept. 18	Marshall
Sept. 25	at Michigan
Oct. 2	Buffalo
Oct. 9	at Ohio
Oct. 16	at Temple
Oct. 23	Kent State
Oct. 30	at Central Michigan
Nov. 10	Miami (Ohio)
Nov. 17	at Toledo
Nov. 26	Western Michigan

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 6-2)

Sept. 3	Troy	W	31-14
Sept. 12	at Missouri	L	20-27
Sept. 19	at Marshall	L	10-17
Sept. 26	Boise State	L	14-49
Oct. 3	Ohio	L	37-44
Oct. 10	at Kent State	W	36-35
Oct. 17	at Ball State	W	31-17
Oct. 24	Central Michigan	L	10-24
Nov. 3	at Buffalo	W	30-29
Nov. 12	at Miami (Ohio)	W	35-14
Nov. 20	Akron	W	36-20
Nov. 27	Toledo	W	38-24
Dec. 3	#Idaho	L	42-43
#Humanitarian Bowl			

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.5 ppg	5	55	
Rushing	86.5 ypg	12	114	
Passing	316.2 ypg	1	6	
Total	402.7 ypg	4	43	
	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	27.5 ppg	7	76	
Rushing	194.2 ypg	12	103	
Passing	204.0 ypg	5	38	
Total	398.2 ypg	10	87	
	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: DAVE CLAWSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 7-6 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 65-55 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WARREN RUGGIERO DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE ELKO





# KENT STATE

## GOLDEN FLASHES

KENT, OHIO DIX STADIUM (25,000)

**OFFENSE** Kent State's promising 2009 season all but ended before the Golden Flashes could get to Mid-American Conference play. Starting quarterback Giorgio Morgan injured his ankle in the opener, aggravated it during Week 2 and ended up playing in only six games. Meanwhile, stellar running back Eugene Jarvis suffered a lacerated kidney against Boston College that ended his year.

While their absence short-circuited Kent State's chances in 2009, their return gives the skill positions unprecedented depth in 2010. Coach Doug Martin says this is the best group of skill-position players he has had during his tenure, which is a good sign for the nation's 106th-rated scoring offense.

When Morgan went down last September, true freshman Spencer Keith stepped up and proved to be perfect for the West Coast attack. Keith ranked fourth among freshmen in passing yards per game (214.7) and tossed 14 scores with 11 picks. He won't give up the job, so a healthy Morgan becomes the backup.

Running back Eugene Jarvis, who received a sixth year of eligibility after lacerating his kidney last fall, needs 564 rushing yards to break Astron Whatley's career school record of 3,989.

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Jarvis, on the other hand, regains his starting running back gig after gaining a sixth year of eligibility. Jarvis will share touches with junior Jacquise Terry, who led the team with 649 rushing yards last season, and intriguing sophomore Dri Archer, who had 10 carries for 93 yards in Kent's 2009 finale.

Sophomore split end Tyshon Goode was an instant success last fall and finished with a team-high 53 grabs for 755 yards and five touchdowns. Junior flankers Kendrick Pressley (21 catches) and Sam Kirkland (18) looked strong in the spring. Senior Jon Simpson returns as the starting tight end.

Kent State's line could have featured four returning starters, but right tackle Pat Reedy moved to tight end. That leaves left tackle Brian Winters (moving from right tackle), left guard Michael Fay (20 career starts) and center Chris Anzevino (24 career starts).

**DEFENSE** Kent's defense features three all-conference playmakers in first-team All-MAC middle linebacker Cobrani Mixon, first-team All-MAC free safety Brian Lainhart and second-team All-MAC end Monte Simmons.

Mixon (108 tackles), Simmons (eight sacks) and 235-pound senior noseguard Quinton Rainey anchor a front seven that's long on experience and quickness. Mixon, who started his career at Michigan, took it easy in the spring after offseason knee surgery. He should be fine this fall. Linebacker Dorian Wood (58 tackles) moved to the middle from the weak side during the spring and might stay there.

Lainhart is as good as it gets in the MAC. He leads all active FBS players with 15 career interceptions, including seven last year (along with 87 tackles and four forced fumbles). Senior strong safety Dan Hartman (72 tackles, four interceptions) and junior corner Josh Pleasant (73 tackles, 11 pass breakups) also started every game last season for the league's No. 2 pass efficiency defense.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior punter Matt Rinehart earned first-team All-MAC honors after leading the league with 40.9 yards per punt. Sophomore kicker Freddy Cortez nailed 13-of-15 field goal attempts in MAC action and kicked off for the nation's best kick coverage unit (15.3 yards per return).

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Flashes have knocked off the MAC East champ each of the last two years but haven't been consistent enough to move to the top themselves. This could be the year Kent State finally goes to a bowl — for the first time since 1972.

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MAC EAST PREDICTION

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EUGENE JARVIS

### THE QUOTE

"I love our defensive team speed, especially in our front seven. We're a little undersized, but our speed is as good as anybody in the conference."

— Coach Doug Martin

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	5 Tyshon Goode (So.)	8 Matthew Hurdle (So.)
FL	18 Sam Kirkland (Jr.)	15 Kendrick Pressley (Jr.)
HB	13 Leneric Muldrow (Sr.)	25 Anthony Bowman (Sr.)
LT	66 Brian Winters (So.)	70 Tyler Arend (Fr.)
LG	69 Michael Fay (Jr.)	77 Max Plunkett (Fr.)
C	55 Chris Anzevino (Jr.)	61 Josh Kline (So.)
RG	74 Tom Pizzurro (Fr.)	71 Charles Laster (Jr.)
RT	65 Kent Cleveland (So.)	76 Bryan Wagner (Fr.)
TE	24 Jon Simpson (Sr.)	80 Pat Reedy (Sr.)
QB	3 Spencer Keith (So.)	14 Giorgio Morgan (Jr.)
RB	6 Eugene Jarvis (Sr.)	22 Jacquise Terry (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	77 Lee Stalker (Jr.)	97 Zach Williams (Sr.)
NG	48 Quinton Rainey (Sr.)	54 DeVonte Helms (Fr.)
DT	93 Ishmael Kitchen (Jr.)	52 Dana Brown (So.)
BUCK	49 Monte Simmons (Sr.)	57 Jake Dooley (So.)
SLB	3 Will Johnson (Sr.)	53 Kyle Reese (Jr.)
MLB	11 Cobrani Mixon (Sr.)	35 Dorian Wood (Sr.)
WLB	30 Luke Batton (So.)	44 Byron Tyson (Jr.)
CB	2 Josh Pleasant (Jr.)	36 Norman Wolfe (Jr.)
CB	21 Sidney Sauter (So.)	1 Darius Polk (So.)
SS	38 Dan Hartman (Sr.)	20 Leon Green (So.)
FS	31 Brian Lainhart (Sr.)	15 Zack Gonosz (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	45 Freddy Cortez (So.)	KR	25 Anthony Bowman (Sr.)
P	46 Matt Rinehart (Jr.)	PR	6 Eugene Jarvis (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Spencer Keith, 294-168-2,147-11, 14 TDs  
Rushing: Jacquise Terry, 138 car., 649 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: Tyshon Goode, 53 rec., 755 yds., 5 TDs  
Tackles: Cobrani Mixon, 108, 62 solo  
Sacks: Monte Simmons, 8  
Interceptions: Brian Lainhart, 7 for 25 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Murray State
Sept. 11	at Boston College
Sept. 18	at Penn State
Oct. 2	at Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 9	Akron
Oct. 16	at Toledo
Oct. 23	at Bowling Green
Oct. 30	Ball State
Nov. 6	Temple
Nov. 13	Army
Nov. 20	at Western Michigan
Nov. 26	Ohio

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 4-4)

Sept. 3	Coastal Carolina	W	18-0
Sept. 12	at Boston College	L	7-34
Sept. 19	Iowa State	L	14-34
Sept. 26	Miami (Ohio)	W	29-19
Oct. 3	at Baylor	L	15-31
Oct. 10	Bowling Green	L	35-36
Oct. 17	at Eastern Michigan	W	28-6
Oct. 24	at Ohio	W	20-11
Oct. 31	Western Michigan	W	26-14
Nov. 7	at Akron	L	20-28
Nov. 21	at Temple	L	13-47
Nov. 27	Buffalo	L	6-9

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	19.3 ppg	9	106
Rushing	114.6 ypg	9	98
Passing	213.1 ypg	7	65
Total	327.7 ypg	9	96
Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.4 ppg	5	40
Rushing	137.1 ypg	5	51
Passing	218.9 ypg	8	62
Total	356.0 ypg	6	51
TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
-2	-0.17	6	72

HEAD COACH: DOUG MARTIN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 24-46 (6 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 24-46 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DOUG MARTIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PETE REKSTIS





# MIAMI

## REDHAWKS

OXFORD, OHIO YAGER STADIUM (24,286)

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MAC EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The spread offense is seemingly taking hold in every nook and cranny of college football except Oxford, Ohio, where second-year coach Mike Haywood is determined to run the football. Haywood's efforts to adjust Miami's mindset start with the offensive line, which he considers to be too comfortable pass-blocking and not interested enough in firing out and creating holes for ball-carriers. He tried to ratchet up the intensity by having his linemen engage in a version of the Oklahoma drill, even before games, but the RedHawks ended the season still needing work. Moving defensive end JoJo Williams to left tackle could inject some intensity into the unit.

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Miami has lost 10 games or more three times in the past four seasons. In the previous 117 years, the school suffered only one 10-loss season (1988).

Zac Dysert did a solid job after taking over as a redshirt freshman four games into the season, but too much of the workload will fall on the quarterback if the RedHawks can't get more production from their running backs. Senior Thomas Merriweather has the experience, but sophomore Roman Lawson is potentially more explosive, and incoming freshman Willie Culpepper could be even more dangerous. The Texas native could be the fastest player on the team. Sophomore fullback Vince Helmuth, a transfer from Michigan, should help create space for ball-carriers.

**DEFENSE** Four true freshmen started on defense in Miami's final game of the 2009 season. Haywood plans to make their jobs simpler by eliminating many stunts and blitzes from the playbook, allowing his youngsters to focus on stopping the run. What that means for middle linebacker Jerrell Wedge's

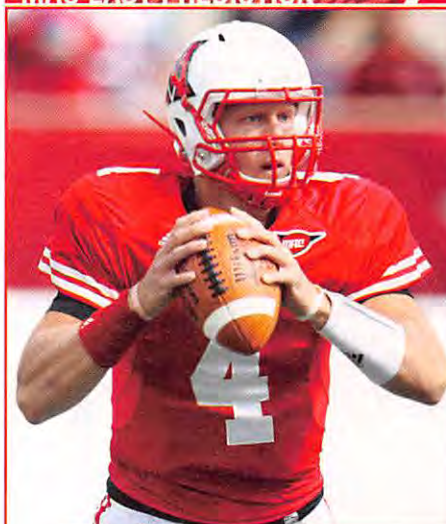
production remains to be seen. The opportunistic Wedge led the MAC last season with 18.5 tackles for a loss.

The move of Williams to offense shouldn't hurt the young-yet-experienced defensive line, especially since end Jason Semmes is eligible after sitting out a season following his transfer from Iowa. Another intriguing end prospect is 6'3", 240-pound freshman Mwanza Wamulumba, who has speed off the edge that could create problems for opposing offensive tackles.

The RedHawks expect to have more zip on defense, especially in the secondary, which was bolstered by six speedy recruits — more than a quarter of the entire class. Two or three of them could end up seeing significant playing time this season, especially since the secondary ended the season in a state of upheaval. Senior cornerback Brandon Stephens and junior free safety Anthony Kokal started every game last season, but their jobs could be in danger. Haywood has proven he's not afraid to throw freshmen into the deep end of the pool.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior kicker Trevor Cook hit 7-of-12 field goal attempts last season, including a 55-yarder. Sophomore Jim Broadway shared the punting duties last season, and he improved as the season progressed. Incoming freshman Mason Krynski prepared for college by not using a tee in high school.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It will be interesting to see how much rope Haywood gets as he tries to get a once-proud Miami program back on track. The RedHawks are 3–21 over the last two seasons, their worst two-year showing in 20 years. He is counting on more fire from a bigger offensive line and more speed on both sides of the ball. Miami should be better, but it's tough to envision this club climbing too many spots up the MAC East standings. A fifth straight losing season is likely.



ZAC DYSSERT

### THE QUOTE

"We're doing a severe overhaul. We're going to be doing a lot of new things here, starting with developing new leaders for our team. It doesn't matter whether you're a freshman or a senior. You're going to have an opportunity to be a leader on this football team."

— Coach Mike Haywood

### OFFENSE (10)

WR 11 Armand Robinson (Sr.)	17 Chris Givens (Jr.)
WR 15 Andy Cruse (So.)	9 Jamal Rogers (Sr.)
LT 52 JoJo Williams (So.)	64 Josh Harvey (Fr.)
LG 75 Bob Guley (Sr.)	56 Brandon Brooks (Jr.)
C 72 Brad Bednar (So.)	60 Steve Bray (Jr.)
RG 70 Nate Williams (Sr.)	61 Andrew Illig (So.)
RT 66 Matt Kennedy (So.)	71 Andrew Phelan (So.)
TE 21 Jordan Stevens (Sr.)	87 Steve Marck (So.)
QB 4 Zac Dysert (So.)	16 Austin Boucher (Fr.)
FB 38 Vince Helmuth (So.)	46 Justin Semmes (Fr.)
RB 34 Thomas Merriweather (Sr.)	20 Roman Lawson (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE 94 Mike Johns (So.)	93 Jason Semmes (So.)
LT 79 Jordain Brown (Jr.)	85 Morris Council (Jr.)
RT 90 Austin Brown (So.)	68 Andrew Muller (Fr.)
RE 57 Wes Williams (So.)	Mwanza Wamulumba (Fr.)
OLB 30 Evan Harris (So.)	10 C.J. Marck (So.)
MLB 43 Jerrell Wedge (Jr.)	32 Jaytee Swanson (So.)
OLB 36 Luke Kelly (So.)	51 Austin Moore (So.)
CB 24 Brandon Stephens (Sr.)	Allen Veazie (Fr.)
CB 6 D.J. Brown (So.)	25 Cornelius Ward (Jr.)
SS 22 Jordan Gafford (Sr.)	35 Jordan Padgett (Fr.)
FS 18 Anthony Kokal (Jr.)	37 Pat Hinkel (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 19 Trevor Cook (Sr.)	KR 9 Jamal Rogers (Sr.)
P 45 Jim Broadway (So.)	PR 9 Jamal Rogers (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Zac Dysert, 401-247-2,611-16, 12 TDs  
Rushing: Thomas Merriweather, 105 car., 291 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: Armand Robinson, 67 rec., 788 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Jerrell Wedge, 114, 46 solo  
Sacks: Jerrell Wedge, 5.5

Interceptions: Brandon Stephens, 2 for 12 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Florida
Sept. 11	Eastern Michigan
Sept. 18	Colorado State
Sept. 25	at Missouri
Oct. 2	Kent State
Oct. 9	at Cincinnati
Oct. 16	at Central Michigan
Oct. 23	Ohio
Oct. 30	at Buffalo
Nov. 10	at Bowling Green
Nov. 17	at Akron
Nov. 23	Temple

### 2009 RESULTS (1-11, 1-7)

Sept. 5	Kentucky	L	0–42
Sept. 12	at Boise State	L	0–48
Sept. 19	at Western Michigan	L	26–48
Sept. 26	at Kent State	L	19–29
Oct. 3	Cincinnati	L	13–37
Oct. 10	at Northwestern	L	6–16
Oct. 17	at Ohio	L	7–28
Oct. 24	Northern Illinois	L	22–27
Oct. 31	Toledo	W	31–24
Nov. 5	at Temple	L	32–34
Nov. 12	Bowling Green	L	14–35
Nov. 18	Buffalo	L	17–42

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	15.6 ppg	13	116	
Rushing	70.1 ypg	13	119	
Passing	273.4 ypg	4	23	
Total	343.5 ypg	7	84	
	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	34.2 ppg	11	108	
Rushing	186.9 ypg	11	101	
Passing	190.4 ypg	2	27	
Total	377.3 ypg	8	70	
	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	-24	-2.00	13	120

HEAD COACH: MIKE HAYWOOD RECORD AT SCHOOL: 1–11 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 1–11 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MORRIS WAITS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CARL REESE





OHIO

## BOBCATS

ATHENS, OHIO PEDEN STADIUM (24,000)

**OFFENSE** Quarterback Boo Jackson set a pile of Ohio records in 2008, including the single-game (413) and single-season (2,688) marks for total yards, but settled for next to nothing in 2009. He suffered a season-ending injury to his throwing shoulder in Week 2, which led to surgery that also forced him to stick to individual drills in spring ball. He might own a slight edge heading into preseason camp, but sophomore Tyler Tettleton and Iowa State transfer Phil Bates, a junior, are expected to be right in the mix.

Jackson's anticipated return will boost a running game that finished 11th in the MAC last year (112.0 ypg). Senior Vince Davidson and junior Donte Harden, who backed up Chris Garrett last year, will split the snaps and provide what's necessary.

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Senior middle linebacker Noah Keller has delivered double figures in tackles 12 times in his career. He averaged 14.5 stops in Ohio's final four games last season.

The running game will be aided by a top-flight receiving corps that is among the best in the MAC. LaVon Brazill (53 catches, 702 yards, six touchdowns) and Terrence McCrae (35 catches, 545 yards, nine touchdowns) are the gamebreakers on the outside, while Steven Goulet and Riley Dunlop, who missed the last eight games with a shoulder injury, share the slot.

Ohio retains three starters up front. Junior A.J. Strum, who is shifting from left guard to left tackle to replace third-team All-MAC pick Chris Rodgers, leads a group that co-offensive coordinator Tim Albin hopes to keep intact for the next two years.

**DEFENSE** Ohio welcomes back five senior starters in its front seven, which bodes well for the Bobcats' hopes of repeating or improving

on last year's No. 2 MAC finish in scoring defense (No. 28 nationally).

The line features four returning starters, led by third-team All-MAC tackle Ernie Hodge and rush end Dak Notestine (6.5 sacks, three forced fumbles).

Middle linebacker Noah Keller ranked sixth nationally in tackles last season (11.1 per game), but he wowed people with his late-season exploits. He notched 16 tackles in the MAC title loss to Central Michigan before posting a career-high 17 stops against Marshall in the Little Caesars Bowl. "He's a big-time player," coach Frank Solich says. "He has a chance to contend for some national honors."

Ohio returns only one starter in the secondary, but sophomore free safety Gerald Moore is a great place to start. He recorded a team-high six interceptions last season, while cornerbacks Kenny Jackson and Julian Posey each returned an interception at least 40 yards for a score.

**SPECIALISTS** Brazill, one of the most dangerous return men in the MAC, returned three punts for scores last year. Sophomore kicker Matt Weller received first-team All-MAC honors after converting 21-of-29 field goals, though he missed two kicks inside 30 yards in the final three games. Punter Paul Hershey isn't a returning starter, though he averaged 40.4 yards on five kicks in the bowl.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Ohio's not-so-illustrious history shows no MAC titles since 1968 and no bowl victories at all. But Solich has led the Bobcats to the precipice of excellence after claiming two of the last four MAC East titles and delivering the program's first two bowl appearances after a 39-year absence.

With six senior starters on defense and five returning starters on offense (not counting Jackson at quarterback), this could be the year the Bobcats rewrite school history.

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MAC EAST PREDICTION90  
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NOAH KELLER

## THE QUOTE

"It's time to take the next step. We have more depth than we've ever had. If all goes well, we should have a great chance of having a good year."

— Coach Frank Solich

## OFFENSE (5)

FL	7 LaVon Brazill (Sr.)	19 Mario Dovell (Fr.)
SE	11 Terrence McCrae (Sr.)	17 Bakari Bussey (So.)
Slot	15 Riley Dunlop (Jr.)	87 Steven Goulet (Sr.)
LT	79 A.J. Strum (Jr.)	60 Ryan McGrath (Fr.)
LG	64 Vince Carlotta (So.)	70 James Davis (So.)
C	65 Skyler Allen (So.)	51 Matt Britain (So.)
RG	77 Eric Herman (So.)	76 Kadre Pinder (Jr.)
RT	78 Joe Flading (Jr.)	66 Jonathan Lechner (Fr.)
TE	88 Jordan Thompson (So.)	45 Nathan Caldwell (Sr.)
QB	8 Boo Jackson (Sr.)	5 Phil Bates (Jr.)
RB	26 Vince Davidson (Sr.)	28 Donte Harden (Jr.)

## DEFENSE (6)

DE	51 Dak Notestine (Sr.)	99 Curtis Meyers (Jr.)
NG	62 Marcellis Williamson (Sr.)	98 Jeff King (Jr.)
DT	95 Ernie Hodge (Sr.)	93 Neal Huynh (So.)
DE	36 Stafford Gatling (Sr.)	90 Tremayne Scott (So.)
SLB	46 Alphonso Lewis (So.)	22 Shannon Ballard (Sr.)
MLB	47 Noah Keller (Sr.)	14 Jay Edwards (Jr.)
WLB	30 Eric Benjamin (Jr.)	44 Chad Clemens (Sr.)
CB	9 Julian Posey (Sr.)	4 Omar Leftwich (Jr.)
CB	31 Kenny Jackson (Jr.)	18 Travis Carrie (So.)
SS	29 Donovan Fletcher (Sr.)	6 Hilton Dawson III (Sr.)
FS	13 Gerald Moore (So.)	42 Steven Jackson (Sr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	49 Matt Weller (So.)	KR	28 Donte Harden (Jr.)
P	41 Paul Hershey (Jr.)	PR	7 LaVon Brazill (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Boo Jackson, 30-17-194-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: Vince Davidson, 67 car., 260 yds., 1 TD  
 Receiving: LaVon Brazill, 53 rec., 702 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Noah Keller, 155, 64 solo  
 Sacks: Dak Notestine, 6.5  
 Interceptions: Gerald Moore, 6 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Wofford
Sept. 11	Toledo
Sept. 18	at Ohio State
Sept. 25	at Marshall
Oct. 2	at Eastern Michigan
Oct. 9	Bowling Green
Oct. 16	Akron
Oct. 23	at Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 30	UL Lafayette
Nov. 4	Buffalo
Nov. 16	at Temple
Nov. 26	at Kent State

## 2009 RESULTS (9-5, 7-1)

Sept. 5	Connecticut	L	16-23
Sept. 12	at North Texas	W (2ot)	31-30
Sept. 19	Cal Poly	W	28-10
Sept. 26	at Tennessee	L	23-34
Oct. 3	at Bowling Green	W	44-37
Oct. 10	at Akron	W	19-7
Oct. 17	Miami (Ohio)	W	28-7
Oct. 24	Kent State	L	11-20
Oct. 31	at Ball State	W	20-17
Nov. 10	at Buffalo	W	27-24
Nov. 21	Northern Illinois	W	38-31
Nov. 27	Temple	W	35-17
Dec. 4	C. Michigan (Detroit)	L	10-20
Dec. 26	#Marshall	L	17-21
	#Little Caesars Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.8 ppg	6	78
Rushing	112.0 ypg	11	102
Passing	198.1 ypg	8	82
Total	310.1 ypg	10	106

Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	21.3 ppg	2	28
Rushing	153.7 ypg	7	75
Passing	194.8 ypg	3	30
Total	348.5 ypg	5	45

TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
+13	+0.93	1	7

HEAD COACH: FRANK SOLICH RECORD AT SCHOOL: 32-31 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 90-50 (11 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: TIM ALBIN, GERRY GDOWSKI DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIMMY BURROW





**OFFENSE** The Temple offense pretty much revolved around freshman running back Bernard Pierce last season. And when he was healthy, he was nearly unstoppable — partly because of his talents, and partly because he was operating behind a line that finally developed into something special. There's a reason the unit was voted the team's MVP, and most of its parts return. Even when Pierce was hindered by a shoulder injury, another first-year guy, Matt Brown, was almost as productive.

But against the better teams, or when the Owls fell behind, the lack of a bona fide passing attack became an issue. That has to change if this program wants to complete its transformation. To that end, freshman Chris Coyer could well challenge Chester Stewart for the starting gig, now that Vaughn Charlton, a nine-game starter last fall, was moved to tight end in the spring.

# 1

Of the Owls' 19 victories under Al Golden, only one has come against a team with a winning record.

Former running back Joe Jones led the team with 28 receptions, which isn't going to get it done. Coach Al Golden got some potential help in recruiting; look for junior college transfer Rod Streater to play right away. Golden also brought in a new position assistant, Rob Spence, who was most recently the offensive coordinator at Syracuse.

There's nothing wrong with having a weapon of Pierce's pedigree getting the bulk of the workload, but at some point there needs to be more balance. Other skill guys have to come up with difference-making plays, too.

**DEFENSE** This side of the ball returns seven players to seven starting positions, yet still needs to address a few personnel losses in both the

front seven and secondary. For the most part, this group was solid in 2009. It didn't hurt that the offense was often able to control the ball and the clock. The Owls did have some trouble stopping people in the fourth quarter, particularly when the other team had little choice but to air it out.

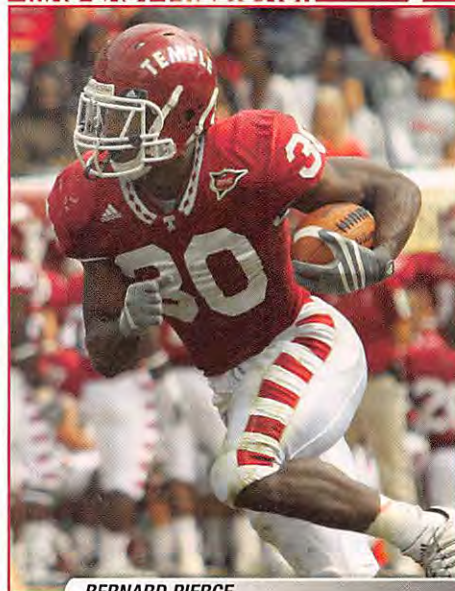
Left end Adrian Robinson, the MAC Defensive Player of the Year, heads a list of four first-team all-conference performers. His 13 sacks ranked among the national leaders. Free safety Jaiquawn Jarrett is the top returning tackler, with 76. Tackle Muhammad Wilkerson was one of nine players to start every game. And middle linebacker Elijah "Peanut" Joseph had 6.5 stops for a loss.

Former walk-on Kevin Kroboth is a feel-good story at strong safety. Again, there is depth, meaning the Owls could get contributions from several sources.

**SPECIALISTS** Brandon McManus gave the Owls their first reliable placekicker in what seemed like forever. But there were recurring problems on the long snaps, which obviously can't continue. James Nixon ran two kickoffs back for touchdowns, and Delano Green did the same on punt returns. Punter Jeff Wathne had his moments, but he might get pushed by Syracuse transfer Malcolm Conway.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Last season showed just how far the Owls have come — and also how far they still have to go. They're no longer everyone's favorite punch line. And the pieces are certainly in place to win at least nine times again. Still, for all they accomplished, there was no division or conference title and no bowl win, so there shouldn't be any lack of hunger this season.

If the Owls can develop a complementary throwing game and better consistency, there's no telling how high this team can go. They've proven they can beat the bad teams. Now they just have to beat a few more good ones, too.



BERNARD PIERCE

### THE QUOTE

"I'm proud of the way we've grown up, but we still have to take that next step. We became a good team. We want to be a good program, and keep doing it year after year."

— Coach Al Golden

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	84 Michael Campbell (Sr.)	80 C.J. Hammond (So.)
WR	26 Joe Jones (Jr.)	18 Rod Streater (Jr.)
WR	23 James Nixon (Jr.)	85 Vaughn Carraway (So.)
LT	79 Pat Boyle (Jr.)	76 Steve Caputo (Jr.)
LG	69 Wayne Tribue (Jr.)	62 Scott Roorda (Fr.)
C	77 John Palumbo (Jr.)	68 Jeremy Schonbrunner (Jr.)
RG	70 Colin Madison (Sr.)	59 Stephen Yuan (So.)
RT	71 Darius Morris (Sr.)	78 Sean Boyle (Jr.)
TE	3 Vaughn Charlton (Sr.)	95 Morkeith Brown (Jr.)
QB	7 Chester Stewart (Jr.)	11 Chris Coyer (Fr.)
RB	30 Bernard Pierce (So.)	22 Matt Brown (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	94 Kadeem Custis (So.)	93 Kamal Johnson (Fr.)
DT	96 Muhammad Wilkerson (Jr.)	92 Shahid Paulhill (Fr.)
NT	91 Elisha Joseph (Sr.)	99 Levi Brown (Fr.)
DE	43 Adrian Robinson (Jr.)	45 Morris Blueford (Jr.)
OLB	31 Tahir Whitehead (Jr.)	32 Quinten White (Jr.)
MLB	58 Elijah Joseph (Sr.)	41 Marcus Green (So.)
OLB	56 Amara Kamara (Sr.)	40 Jordan Martin (Sr.)
CB	28 Marquise Liverpool (Sr.)	27 Zamel Johnson (Fr.)
CB	16 Maurice Jones (So.)	20 Kee-ayre Griffin (Jr.)
SS	37 Kevin Kroboth (Jr.)	29 Justin Gildea (So.)
FS	5 Jaiquawn Jarrett (Sr.)	42 Byron Parker (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	19 Brandon McManus (So.)	KR	23 James Nixon (Jr.)
P	49 Jeff Wathne (Sr.)	PR	10 Delano Green (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Vaughn Charlton, 213-107-1,390-11, 10 TDs

Rushing: Bernard Pierce, 236 car, 1,361 yds., 16 TDs

Receiving: Joe Jones, 28 rec., 387 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Jaiquawn Jarrett, 76, 46 solo

Sacks: Adrian Robinson Jr., 13

Interceptions: Jaiquawn Jarrett, 3 for 88 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Villanova
Sept. 11	Central Michigan
Sept. 18	Connecticut
Sept. 25	at Penn State
Oct. 2	at Army
Oct. 9	at Northern Illinois
Oct. 16	Bowling Green
Oct. 23	at Buffalo
Oct. 30	Akron
Nov. 6	at Kent State
Nov. 16	Ohio
Nov. 23	at Miami (Ohio)

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 7-1)

Sept. 3	Villanova	L	24-27
Sept. 19	at Penn State	L	6-31
Sept. 26	Buffalo	W	37-13
Oct. 3	at Eastern Michigan	W	24-12
Oct. 10	Ball State	W	24-19
Oct. 17	Army	W	27-13
Oct. 24	at Toledo	W	40-24
Oct. 31	at Navy	W	27-24
Nov. 5	Miami (Ohio)	W	34-32
Nov. 13	at Akron	W	56-17
Nov. 21	Kent State	W	47-13
Nov. 27	at Ohio	L	17-35
Dec. 29	#UCLA	L	21-30

#EagleBank Bowl

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.5	ppg	3	39
Rushing	187.0	ypg	2	23
Passing	146.5	ypg	12	111
Total	333.5	ypg	8	92

	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.3	ppg	4	39
Rushing	107.6	ypg	1	18
Passing	226.4	ypg	10	74
Total	334.0	ypg	2	32

	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: AL GOLDEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 19-30 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 19-30 (4 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MATT RHULE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK D'ONOFRIO





# BALL STATE

## CARDINALS

MUNCIE, IND. SCHEUMANN STADIUM (22,500)

**OFFENSE** Sophomore Kelly Page is slated to return as the starting quarterback after missing the final four games of 2009 with a broken thumb. Page struggled a bit as a freshman thanks to an inexperienced offensive line, but he gained valuable experience and should be able to take a step forward this year. Page threw seven touchdowns and had nine interceptions with a 52.7 completion percentage.

Ball State received some good news prior to the start of spring ball when the NCAA granted MiQuale Lewis a fifth year of eligibility. Lewis was brilliant as a junior, compiling 2,061 yards from scrimmage (1,736 rushing) and scoring 22 touchdowns during Ball State's 12-2 season. Last year, however, Lewis' productivity plummeted, as he had 1,022 total yards and five touchdowns and was held to less than 70 yards rushing in nine of 12 games. Cory Sykes (6.2 ypc) and Eric Williams (5.7 ypc) will also get time in Ball State's one-back attack.

disruptive force all season. Veteran Rene Perry will return as a starter next to Eddins, and Adam Morris and Andrew Puthoff will be starting for the first time.

The strength of the defense, which was ninth in the MAC in points allowed, lies at linebacker, where Davyd Jones and Travis Freeman return. Jones led the team in tackles from his outside linebacker slot, while Freeman is back after an outstanding freshman season to direct things from the middle. Tony Martin steps into a starter's role after seeing significant minutes last year.

In the secondary, the hope is that this young group can make strides after getting some experience a year ago. Sean Baker, the MAC Freshman of the Year in '08, has 10 career interceptions at safety and is the team's top defensive back. Charlie Todd started last year at corner after transferring from the junior college ranks. At the other corner, Jason Pinkston has supplanted last year's starter, Koreen Burch — for now. Don't be surprised if some freshmen play their way onto the field right away.

**SPECIALISTS** The kicking game should be strong. Scott Kovanda averaged 40.0 yards per punt and killed 15 inside the 20-yard line. Kicker Ian McGarvey is back after nailing 18-of-21 attempts, including all five from beyond 40 yards, and he holds the Ball State record with 81 straight extra points.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Most of the offense returns from last season, but this unit needs to improve in virtually every area. The key will be the offensive line in front of Page and Lewis. If this group progresses, Ball State should be able to produce. Defensively, the secondary needs to be shored up with some incoming freshmen to complement a solid front seven. Coach Stan Parrish admits that last season's team underachieved, but he is optimistic that Ball State will be back in the mix thanks to the experience that his green team gained in 2009.

The Cardinals welcome back all of their contributing wide receivers. Briggs Orsbon and Daniel Ifft should again be Page's primary targets. Torieal Gibson and Otis Brown are battling for the third starting spot.

Senior left guard Michael Switzer has started since he arrived, and he was the lone bright spot in a season in which the Cardinals took their lumps with four new starters on the offensive line. The unit returns intact with no changes expected.

**DEFENSE** The Cardinals play a 4-3, and defensive end Robert Eddins is the headliner of the group. Eddins recorded seven sacks and 13.5 tackles for a loss and proved to be a

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MIQUALE LEWIS

504

MiQuale Lewis and Cory Sykes combined to rush for 504 yards in Ball State's win over Eastern Michigan, setting an NCAA single-game record for rushing yards by teammates.

### THE QUOTE

"We got swept up in that magical (2008) season and maybe the goals were unrealistic (for 2009). But we'll have a chance to get back in the mix, because we gave some games away because of our youth. That shouldn't happen this year."

— Coach Stan Parrish

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	1	Briggs Orsbon (Jr.)	80	Jamill Smith (Fr.)
WR	12	Torieal Gibson (Jr.)	86	Otis Brown (Fr.)
WR	4	Daniel Ifft (Jr.)	81	Connor Ryan (Fr.)
LT	72	Cameron Lowry (So.)	67	Travis Arnold (Sr.)
LG	74	Michael Switzer (Sr.)	76	Rayondon Kennedy (Jr.)
C	66	Kreg Hunter (Jr.)	54	Jerrold Gray (Jr.)
RG	73	Dan Manick (So.)	79	Kitt O'Brien (So.)
RT	77	Austin Holtz (So.)	75	Matthew Page (Fr.)
TE	88	Zane Fakes (So.)	43	Jacob Green (Fr.)
QB	5	Kelly Page (So.)	11	Aaron Mersham (Fr.)
RB	33	MiQuale Lewis (Sr.)	7	Cory Sykes (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	41	Andrew Puthoff (Jr.)	51	Kaylon Woods (Sr.)
DT	99	Adam Morris (Jr.)	97	Donovan Jarrett (So.)
NT	95	Rene Perry (Sr.)	63	Steve Yoder (So.)
DE	91	Robert Eddins (Sr.)	93	Justin Woodard (Sr.)
LB	42	Davyd Jones (Sr.)	24	Theon Dixon (So.)
LB	8	Travis Freeman (So.)	44	Ryan Hartke (Jr.)
LB	47	Tony Martin (So.)	56	Justin Cruz (So.)
CB	10	Jason Pinkston (So.)	19	Koreen Burch (Jr.)
CB	16	Charlie Todd (Sr.)	13	Armand Dehaney (So.)
SS	25	Sean Baker (Jr.)	46	Joshua Howard (Jr.)
FS	23	Kyle Hoke (Jr.)	39	Brandon Kish (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	26	Ian McGarvey (Sr.)	KR	6	Eric Williams (So.)
P	18	Scott Kovanda (So.)	PR	16	Charlie Todd (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kelly Page, 207-109-1,019-9, 7 TDs

Rushing: MiQuale Lewis, 181 car., 871 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Briggs Orsbon, 51 rec., 461 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Davyd Jones, 100, 33 solo

Sacks: Robert Eddins, 7

Interceptions: Sean Baker, 4 for 21 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	SE Missouri State
Sept. 11	Liberty
Sept. 18	at Purdue
Sept. 25	at Iowa
Oct. 2	at Central Michigan
Oct. 9	Western Michigan
Oct. 16	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 23	at Toledo
Oct. 30	at Kent State
Nov. 6	Akron
Nov. 12	at Buffalo
Nov. 20	Northern Illinois

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 2-6)

Sept. 3	North Texas	L	10-20
Sept. 12	New Hampshire	L	16-23
Sept. 19	at Army	L	17-24
Sept. 26	at Auburn	L	30-54
Oct. 3	Toledo	L	30-37
Oct. 10	at Temple	L	19-24
Oct. 17	Bowling Green	L	17-31
Oct. 24	at Eastern Michigan	W	29-27
Oct. 31	Ohio	L	17-20
Nov. 12	at Northern Illinois	L	20-26
Nov. 18	Central Michigan	L	3-35
Nov. 24	at Western Michigan	W	22-17

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	19.2 ppg	11	108
Rushing	159.4 ypg	6	51
Passing	134.4 ypg	13	115
Total	293.8 ypg	12	114

Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.2 ppg	9	82
Rushing	152.3 ypg	6	72
Passing	234.3 ypg	11	82
Total	386.7 ypg	9	77

TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
-7	-0.58	10	103

HEAD COACH: STAN PARRISH RECORD AT SCHOOL: 2-11 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 59-52-3 (11 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: EDDIE FAULKNER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAY HOOD





# CENTRAL MICHIGAN

## CHIPPEWAS

MOUNT PLEASANT, MICH. KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,255)

**OFFENSE** For the first time in four years, the Chippewas will not have Dan LeFevour triggering their offense. Worse, receiving big-play man Antonio Brown and running back Bryan Schroeder are gone, too. So, it's time to meet the new faces. Sophomore Ryan Radcliff is likely to get the nod under center, ahead of Derek Rifenburg and A.J. Westendorp. True freshman Kyle Smith will be in the mix come August. Radcliff will throw to Kito Poblach (53 catches, four TDs), Cody Wilson and tight end David Blackburn. Expect Taylor Bradley and Matt Torres to figure in the receiving picture, too.

# 9.5

Central Michigan has averaged 9.5 wins over the past four seasons. In the previous 11 years, the Chippewas averaged 3.9 wins per season.

Four starters return up front, with tackles Jake Olson and Rocky Weaver joined by center Colin Miller and guard Jeff Maddux. They'll open holes for senior Carl Volny (390 yards) and Paris Cotton (220), while redshirt freshman Malek Redd and true freshman Ben Brown and Kevin King fight for carries.

**DEFENSE** The strength of the defense is up the middle, thanks to the return of tackles Sean Murnane (3.5 sacks) and John Williams (2.5), along with middle linebacker Matt Berning (108 tackles, 8.5 for a loss). Weak-side backer Nick Bellore (132, 13.0) is an All-MAC standout, while junior Armond Staten will try to hold down the strong-side spot.

The losses of playmakers Frank Zombo and Larry Knight at end open the door for Darryll Stinson and Caesar Rodriguez, who looked good during spring drills, although freshman Will Schwarz and converted tight end Joe Kinville might grab some time in the rotation as well.

At cornerback, senior Vince Agnew (35 tackles) and sophomore Lorenzo White, son of the former Michigan State running back, get first crack. Senior Bobby Seay takes over one safety spot, where he'll be backed up by junior Dannie Bolden, who had two picks last year. Sophomore Jahleel Addae is penciled in at the other safety spot.

**SPECIALISTS** The return of punter Brett Hartmann is relatively good news, although he averaged only 38.4 yards per boot. He did, however put 19 of his 48 punts inside 20-yard lines. A group of freshmen, including David Harman, will compete for the kicking job this fall. Addae showed some promise bringing back kicks last year.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Chippewas have had an unprecedented run of success that has included three conference titles and four bowl berths over the past four seasons. The loss of LeFevour, who accounted for over 4,000 yards of offense, makes it difficult to continue that streak, and the coaching change from Butch Jones (now at Cincinnati) to Dan Enos will complicate things further.

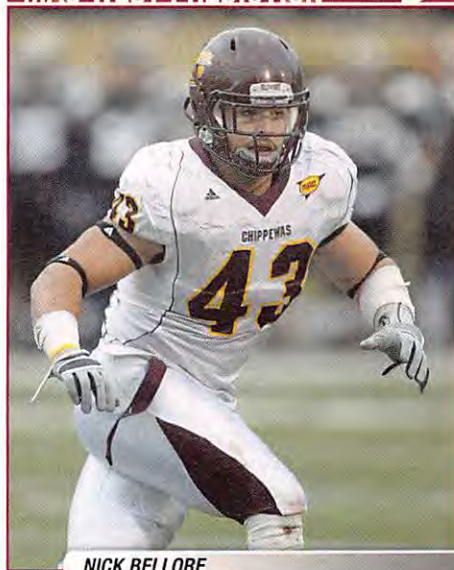
Enos has a solid pedigree, having served at eight schools, including Michigan State (where he played) and Cincinnati over the past 15 years. But there is no guarantee the Chippewas will continue their prosperity, although a good foundation has been established.

It's up to Enos to retool the offense. The experienced line is a good place to start, but Radcliff must emerge as a consistent producer, and playmakers must be found from the group that includes Volny, Poblach and Wilson.

There is talent on the defensive side of the football, which made big strides last year. It's possible the Chippewas may have to lean on that unit while the offense picks things up. Whatever happens, this is a crucial season for a program that doesn't want to slide back after so much success.

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NICK BELLORE

### THE QUOTE

"We think that when we get everyone healthy, and we bring in the new freshmen, we are going to have a very good football team. It is a learning process. We are going to get better and keep making progress."

— Central Michigan coach Dan Enos

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	1 Kito Poblach (Sr.)	80 Cedric Fraser (Jr.)
WR	11 Cody Wilson (So.)	81 Jerry Harris (So.)
WR	Taylor Bradley (Jr.)	85 Matt Torres (Sr.)
LT	73 Jake Olson (So.)	79 Eric Fisher (So.)
LG	66 Jeff Maddux (Sr.)	75 Aaron Kaczmarek (Fr.)
C	63 Colin Miller (Sr.)	68 Richard Hayes (So.)
RG	65 Darren Keyton (So.)	71 Matt Kanitz (So.)
RT	78 Rocky Weaver (Jr.)	67 Mike Repovz (So.)
TE	82 David Blackburn (Jr.)	Caleb Southworth (Fr.)
QB	8 Ryan Radcliff (So.)	16 Derek Rifenburg (Jr.)
RB	29 Carl Volny (Sr.)	6 Paris Cotton (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	97 Darryll Stinson (So.)	48 Will Schwarz (Fr.)
DT	54 Sean Murnane (Sr.)	91 Daniel Jackson (So.)
NG	94 John Williams (Jr.)	Jason Chomic (So.)
DE	99 Caesar Rodriguez (So.)	Joe Kinville (So.)
WLB	46 Matt Berning (Sr.)	32 Alex Smith (So.)
MLB	43 Nick Bellore (Sr.)	33 Mike Petrucci (Jr.)
SLB	41 Armond Staten (Jr.)	26 Shamari Benton (Fr.)
CB	10 Lorenzo White (So.)	24 LaVarus Williams (So.)
CB	22 Vince Agnew (Sr.)	42 Leron Eaddy (Fr.)
SS	4 Jahleel Addae (So.)	23 Derek Carter (Jr.)
FS	9 Bobby Seay (Sr.)	44 Dannie Bolden (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	96 Brett Hartmann (Sr.)	KR	4 Jahleel Addae (So.)
P	10 David Harman (Fr.)	PR	4 Jahleel Addae (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Radcliff, 21-10-115-2, 0 TD  
Rushing: Carl Volny, 82 car., 390 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: Kito Poblach, 53 rec., 681 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Nick Bellore, 132, 71 solo  
Sacks: Sean Murnane, 3.5  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Hampton
Sept. 11	at Temple
Sept. 18	at Eastern Michigan
Sept. 25	at Northwestern
Oct. 2	Ball State
Oct. 9	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 16	Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 23	at Northern Illinois
Oct. 30	Bowling Green
Nov. 5	Western Michigan
Nov. 13	at Navy
Nov. 26	at Toledo

### 2009 RESULTS (12-2, 8-0)

Sept. 5	at Arizona	L	6-19
Sept. 12	at Michigan State	W	29-27
Sept. 19	Alcorn State	W	48-0
Sept. 26	Akron	W	48-21
Oct. 3	at Buffalo	W	20-13
Oct. 10	Eastern Michigan	W	56-8
Oct. 17	at Western Michigan	W	34-23
Oct. 24	at Bowling Green	W	24-10
Oct. 31	at Boston College	L	10-31
Nov. 11	Toledo	W	56-28
Nov. 18	at Ball State	W	35-3
Nov. 27	Northern Illinois	W	45-31
Dec. 4	vs. Ohio (Detroit)	W	20-10
Jan. 6	#Troy	W (ot)	44-41
#GMAC Bowl			

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	33.9 ppg	1	13
Rushing	167.6 ypg	3	43
Passing	255.5 ypg	5	33
Total	423.2 ypg	2	24
Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	18.9 ppg	1	17
Rushing	122.9 ypg	2	33
Passing	221.4 ypg	9	66
Total	344.2 ypg	4	43
TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
+5	+0.36	3	33

HEAD COACH: DAN ENOS RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE CUMMINGS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOE TUMPKIN





# EASTERN MICHIGAN

## EAGLES

YPSILANTI, MICH. RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200)

**OFFENSE** When a team averages 278.3 yards per game, it's a pretty good bet prosperity is not a possibility. While it's wrong to blame last year's 0-12 disaster just on this side of the ball, there is significant room for improvement. Many of last year's starters return, and each needs to make some strides forward if the Eagles are to become significant in the MAC.

Sophomore quarterback Alex Gillett started three games last year and struggled, as one would expect a true freshman to do. His biggest job heading into 2010 is to improve his accuracy and cut back on the interceptions. He'll throw to senior tight end Ben Thayer and look downfield for big-play man Kinsman Thomas, who averaged 18.3 yards on his 15 receptions last year, and to Nick Olds and Trey Hunter for shorter-range completions.

# 6.3

If your offense is a combo of the '70s Oklahoma wishbone and '80s Houston run-and-shoot, you still won't win a game if you allow opponents to gain 6.3 yards per rush.

Dwayne Priest (633 yards, seven touchdowns) returns to handle the primary rushing duties, but he is not a breakaway back and there isn't much depth behind him. At least the Eagles have an experienced line that should be bolstered by the return of '08 starting left tackle Bridger Buche, who missed last year with a hip injury. Seniors Dan DeMaster and Eric Davis are other anchors.

**DEFENSE** The Eagles weren't particularly good at stopping the pass last year, but they were awful against the run, allowing opposing backs to score a whopping 39 touchdowns. There are upperclassmen on the front line, but they're not exactly proven. Junior end Javon Reese did make nine tackles behind the line last year, while senior tackle Ryan Leonard had 7.5 tackles for a loss. The influx of four junior

college transfers, most notably Lavon McCoy and Jasper Grimes, should help immediately.

Senior Tim Fort leads the linebacking corps from the strong side after starting six games last year and finishing with 43 tackles. Marcus English showed promise by making 41 tackles in just six games.

The defensive backfield will miss safety Chris May, who picked off six passes last year. Free safety Martavius Cardwell returns after making 105 tackles last year, and senior Ryan Downard will step in for May. He has nine career interceptions. Senior Arrington Hicks started 10 games last year at cornerback. Louisville transfer Latarrius Thomas will help at safety, while junior college newcomer Willie Williams will help at corner as well.

**SPECIALISTS** The other areas need help, but at least they have experience returning to lead the improvement. EMU lost its kicker, punter and top return men. Junior Thomas Baertschi was the leader at both kicking spots in the spring. Corey Welch, who averaged a solid 21.4 yards on seven kick returns, is the leader for that job.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Those expecting Eastern to contend for anything more than a couple wins this season are delusional. The Eagles have a long way to go. Lack of depth and injuries were problems last year, particularly on offense, and while the Eagles are working toward having a larger contingent of players capable of performing, they are still early in the process of building the foundation for real success.

The offense should produce more, but the lack of proven playmakers will hurt, and it will take Gillett a while to be a consistent producer. The defense — which was coach Ron English's specialty at Michigan — must get better, even if it doesn't have the numbers or talent. If it doesn't, even two wins might be a pipe dream.

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DWAYNE PRIEST

### THE QUOTE

"There were a lot of major issues to work through last year. First and foremost was the complete difference in philosophy and playing style."

— Coach Ron English

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	80 Nick Olds (So.)	24 Corey Manns (So.)
WR	84 Trey Hunter (Jr.)	Keondric Reynolds (Jr.)
WR	9 Tyrone Burke (Sr.)	1 Kinsman Thomas (So.)
LT	76 Bridger Buche (Jr.)	75 Scott MacLeod (Fr.)
LG	72 Andrew Sorgatz (So.)	71 Brian Moore (Sr.)
C	78 Eric Davis (Sr.)	70 Corey Watman (So.)
RG	65 Dan DeMaster (Sr.)	79 Orlando McCord (Fr.)
RT	68 Korey Neal (So.)	63 Daniel Gambrell (Fr.)
TE	81 Ben Thayer (Sr.)	44 Kyle DeMaster (So.)
QB	13 Alex Gillett (So.)	14 Devontae Payne (Fr.)
RB	22 Dwayne Priest (Sr.)	4 Ben Axon (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	93 Brad Ohrman (Jr.)	49 Andy Mulumba (So.)
DT	96 Brandon Slater (Jr.)	Jasper Grimes (Jr.)
DT	Lavon McCoy (Jr.)	56 Ryan Leonard (Sr.)
DE	90 Javon Reese (Jr.)	94 Devon Davis (So.)
LB	40 Neal Howey (Sr.)	11 Nate Paopao (Sr.)
LB	42 Marcus English (Jr.)	45 Matt Boyd (So.)
LB	57 Tim Fort (Sr.)	52 Steve Brown (So.)
CB	19 Arrington Hicks (Sr.)	30 Ja'Ron Gillespie (So.)
CB	Willie Williams (Jr.)	31 Marcell Rose (Jr.)
S	2 Latarrius Thomas (Sr.)	6 Martavius Cardwell (Jr.)
S	10 Ryan Downard (Sr.)	33 Alex Bellfy (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	39 Thomas Baertschi (Jr.)	KR	26 Corey Welch (Jr.)
P	39 Thomas Baertschi (Jr.)	PR	26 Corey Welch (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Alex Gillett, 137-68-763-7, 3 TDs  
Rushing: Dwayne Priest, 175 car., 633 yds., 7 TDs  
Receiving: Ben Thayer, 29 rec., 261 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Martavius Cardwell, 105, 60 solo  
Sacks: Martavius Cardwell, 2

Interceptions: Five players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Army
Sept. 11	at Miami (Ohio)
Sept. 18	Central Michigan
Sept. 25	at Ohio State
Oct. 2	Ohio
Oct. 9	at Vanderbilt
Oct. 16	at Ball State
Oct. 23	at Virginia
Oct. 30	Toledo
Nov. 13	at Western Michigan
Nov. 20	at Buffalo
Nov. 26	Northern Illinois

### 2009 RESULTS (0-12, 0-8)

Sept. 5	Army	L	14-27
Sept. 12	at Northwestern	L	24-27
Sept. 19	at Michigan	L	17-45
Oct. 3	Temple	L	12-24
Oct. 10	at Central Michigan	L	8-56
Oct. 17	Kent State	L	6-28
Oct. 24	Ball State	L	27-29
Oct. 31	at Arkansas	L	27-63
Nov. 5	at Northern Illinois	L	6-50
Nov. 14	Western Michigan	L	14-35
Nov. 20	at Toledo	L	21-47
Nov. 27	at Akron	L	21-28

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	16.4 ppg	12	112	
Rushing	126.3 ypg	7	88	
Passing	152.1 ypg	10	108	
Total	278.3 ypg	13	116	
	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	38.3 ppg	13	117	
Rushing	276.8 ypg	13	120	
Passing	150.5 ypg	1	1	
Total	427.3 ypg	13	106	
	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	-3	-0.25	7	77

HEAD COACH: RON ENGLISH RECORD AT SCHOOL: 0-12 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 0-12 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KEN KARCHER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PHIL SNOW





# NORTHERN ILLINOIS

## HUSKIES

DEKALB, ILL. HUSKIE STADIUM (24,000)

**OFFENSE** The central story line for the offense remains the health of junior quarterback Chandler Harnish. A two-year starter with two bowl starts under his belt, Harnish has yet to prove capable of staying healthy an entire season. He participated in limited spring drills to rest an ailing right knee. Junior DeMarcus Grady is next in line to start if Harnish can't go.

The Huskies worked on utilizing the Pistol offense during the spring. A hybrid between the shotgun and single-back offense, the Pistol is an attempt to revitalize an attack missing several key parts from last year's team.

The Huskies need another solid season from tailback Chad Spann to overcome key losses up front. Spann scored 20 touchdowns and rushed for 1,038 yards in 2009.

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The Huskies have produced a 1,000-yard rusher in 10 of the last 11 years. A nine-year streak ended in 2008, but tailback Chad Spann launched a new one with 1,038 rushing yards last season.

The line allowed 15 sacks last year but lost a pair of four-year starters in center Eddie Adamski and right tackle Jason Onyebugu. There will be a stiff fight for playing spots in preseason camp after just 10 offensive linemen participated in spring drills.

A key area to watch is the development of the wide receivers, who have been underused in coach Jerry Kill's offense. Landon Cox caught 45 passes for 535 yards last year.

**DEFENSE** The Huskies finished in the top three in the MAC in scoring defense for the second straight year. The defense is a key reason for the Huskies landing two straight bowl berths despite the lack of a potent offense. The loss of end and team leader Jake Coffman is a big blow. Coffman elected not to return for his senior year after registering a

team-high 8.5 sacks. Alan Baxter and Sean Progar take over at the defensive end spots for Coffman and Brandon Bice.

The Huskies have plenty of depth up front, but several question marks remain at linebacker and in the secondary. The Huskies lack playmakers on defense, totaling just eight interceptions in 2009. Ten players with at least seven starts over the last two seasons return, but several positions remain open. The Huskies must find a leader after Coffman and former star Larry English led the defense the last two years.

Strong safety Tracy Wilson headlines the secondary after recording a team-leading 93 tackles last year. The secondary must produce more takeaways and lower opponents' completion rate percentage.

**SPECIALISTS** Kick/punt returner Tommy Davis is set for a breakout season. He averaged 21.4 yards per kickoff return and 8.0 yards per punt return in 2009. Josh Wilber is the front-runner at punter. The loss of Mike Salerno leaves a gaping hole at kicker that freshmen Matthew Sims and Tyler Anderson will compete to fill.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Whether the Huskies take the next step and compete for a MAC West title depends on their ability to stay healthy and confident through a tough early-season schedule. The Huskies open with four of their first five contests on the road, including games at Iowa State, Illinois and Minnesota. And there are several other issues to sort out, including Harnish's health, a young offensive line, the lack of a reliable wide receiver and the addition of new faces along the defensive line and at kicker.

These might seem like some tough issues to overcome, but Kill has made a habit of pulling off surprises throughout his career. The Huskies can challenge in the MAC West if they survive the first month.

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CHAD SPANN

### THE QUOTE

"I'll tell you right now, we'll be a better football team than what we've been the last two years. I believe that."

— Coach Jerry Kill

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	10 Willie Clark (Jr.)	30 Akeem Daniels (Fr.)
WR	80 Landon Cox (Sr.)	1 Martel Moore (So.)
LT	62 Trevor Olson (Jr.)	79 Matt Krempel (Fr.)
LG	60 Ed Jackson (Sr.)	57 Kyle Jenkins (Jr.)
C	71 Scott Wedge (Jr.)	77 Jared Volk (Fr.)
RG	72 Joe Pawlak (Jr.)	70 Logan Pegram (So.)
RT	74 Adam Kiel (Jr.)	68 Keith Otis (Jr.)
TE	87 Jason Schepler (Jr.)	93 Adam Coleman (Jr.)
QB	12 Chandler Harnish (Jr.)	3 DeMarcus Grady (Jr.)
FB	47 Connor Flahive (Sr.)	34 Kyle Skarb (Sr.)
TB	28 Chad Spann (Sr.)	15 Jasmin Hopkins (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (9)

DE	90 Alan Baxter (So.)	44 Darnell Bolding (Sr.)
NG	92 Brian Lawson (So.)	58 Mike Krause (Sr.)
DT	98 D.J. Pirkle (Sr.)	89 Ron Newcomb (Jr.)
DE	95 Sean Progar (So.)	91 Anthony Wells (Fr.)
SLB	37 Alex Kube (Sr.)	36 Tyrone Clark (So.)
MLB	9 Devon Butler (So.)	40 Victor Jacques (So.)
WLB	53 Pat Schiller (Jr.)	29 Jordan Delegal (Jr.)
CB	33 Patrick George (Sr.)	20 Tommy Davis (So.)
CB	5 Chris Smith (Sr.)	30 Kiaree Daniels (Fr.)
SS	25 Tracy Wilson (Jr.)	39 Garrett Barnas (Sr.)
FS	38 Mike Sobol (Sr.)	6 Jody Van Laanen (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Mathew Sims (Fr.)	KR	20 Tommy Davis (So.)
P	49 Josh Wilber (Sr.)	PR	20 Tommy Davis (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Chandler Harnish, 223-143-1,670-6, 11 TDs

Rushing: Chad Spann, 179 car., 1,038 yds., 19 TDs

Receiving: Landon Cox, 45 rec., 535 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Tracy Wilson, 93, 46 solo

Sacks: Sean Progar, 6

Interceptions: Patrick George, 2 for 112 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Iowa State
Sept. 11	North Dakota
Sept. 18	at Illinois
Sept. 25	at Minnesota
Oct. 2	at Akron
Oct. 9	Temple
Oct. 16	Buffalo
Oct. 23	Central Michigan
Oct. 30	at Western Michigan
Nov. 9	Toledo
Nov. 20	at Ball State
Nov. 26	at Eastern Michigan

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 5-3)

Sept. 5	at Wisconsin	L	20-28
Sept. 12	Western Illinois	W	41-7
Sept. 19	at Purdue	W	28-21
Sept. 26	Idaho	L	31-34
Oct. 3	Western Michigan	W	38-3
Oct. 17	at Toledo	L	19-20
Oct. 24	at Miami (Ohio)	W	27-22
Oct. 31	Akron	W	27-10
Nov. 5	Eastern Michigan	W	50-6
Nov. 12	Ball State	W	26-20
Nov. 21	at Ohio	L	31-38
Nov. 27	at Central Michigan	L	31-45
Jan. 2	#South Florida	L	3-27
	#International Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.6 ppg	4	54
Rushing	195.2 ypg	1	19
Passing	150.0 ypg	11	109
Total	345.2 ypg	6	83

Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	21.6 ppg	3	30
Rushing	124.8 ypg	3	35
Passing	205.5 ypg	6	41
Total	330.3 ypg	1	30

TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
+7	+0.54	2	23

HEAD COACH: JERRY KILL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 13-13 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 117-70 (16 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MATT LIMEGROVER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TRACY CLAEYS



**OFFENSE** The one constant during waves of change in the Toledo offense over the past four seasons has been at quarterback, where rocksteady Aaron Opelt was a four-year starter. His graduation has the Rockets looking to sophomore Austin Dantin to emerge from the competition in camp as the new starter, and Dantin has an edge since he played in seven games last season, starting three while Opelt was injured. Senior backup Alex Pettee has done mop-up work. Sophomore David Pasquale excels in the Wildcat role, and redshirt freshman Terrence Owens is more of an option threat.

The situation is much more settled at running back, where junior Morgan Williams leads a group of skilled ball-carriers. Williams has nearly 1,500 yards in a supplemental role over the past two seasons. Junior Adonis Thomas is fast and difficult to track down at 5'10" and 175 pounds.

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Toledo only played one game last season in which one of the teams did not score at least 30 points. It was the Rockets' 20-19 win over Northern Illinois.

The Rockets are thin on experienced performers at wide receiver, but sophomore Eric Page is the team's top individual talent. He led the nation's freshmen last season with 82 catches for 1,159 yards, and his role should expand this season. Juniors Kenny Stafford and Tim Cortazzo, along with freshman James Green, should join Page in Toledo's spread formation. Junior Danny Noble is an athletic and versatile tight end.

The solid offensive line is the source of Toledo's optimistic outlook for its offense. Senior center and fourth-year starter Kevin Kowalski is joined by senior Nate Cole at guard, and juniors Mike VanDerMeulen and John Morookian at the tackles.

**DEFENSE** Toledo allowed 37.7 points per game last season, and a soft defensive front was often to blame. Size and strength were added over the winter, and a dozen players are being looked at as potential upgrades on the line. Senior Alex Johnson's solid pass-rushing skills should put him at one end this season, while senior Douglas Westbrook had eight stops behind the line last season and looks to man the other end. At tackle, juniors Johnie Roberts, Malcolm Riley and Johnathan Lamb, along with junior college transfer Phil Lewis, are among those in the mix.

Toledo uses only two true linebackers, and All-MAC senior Archie Donald is back after leading the Rockets in tackles in each of the past two seasons. The experience factor tails off considerably after Donald.

Junior Isaiah Ballard's speed and pop make him the leader to play the hybrid Star position, while Byron Best and Daxton Swanson are being pressed at cornerback by junior college transfer Taikwon Paige and seniors Desmond Marrow and Myshan Veasley-Pettis.

**SPECIALISTS** Juniors Ryan Casano and Andrew Weber are battling to replace four-year starter Alex Steigerwald as the Rockets' placekicker, while junior Bill Claus returns to handle the punting duties after averaging 37.4 yards per kick in 2009. Page should be one of the top return men in the conference.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Rockets remain a very young team, and that youth can't lead to 30-plus turnovers once again, or the losses will pile up. The pains involved in breaking in a new quarterback will be eased by the veteran offensive line and the dynamic playmaking of Page at wide receiver, but the concerns on defense persist. Toledo ranked 116th in the nation in points allowed in 2009. The defense can't be that weak again, or it will force the Rockets' offense to engage in scoring contests they will have a tough time winning.



ERIC PAGE

**THE QUOTE**

"We try to teach the players how to be leaders. We need leaders to step up from the junior, sophomore and even freshman classes."

— Coach Tim Beckman

**OFFENSE (6)**

WR	7	Kenny Stafford (Jr.)	84	Sam Gaymon (So.)
WR	8	James Green (Fr.)	83	Julian Bellinger (So.)
WR	12	Eric Page (So.)	80	Tim Cortazzo (Jr.)
LT	74	Mike VanDerMeulen (Jr.)	60	A.J. Lindeman (So.)
LG	78	Phillip Manley (Jr.)	79	Fadi Farha (So.)
C	69	Kevin Kowalski (Sr.)	61	Erik Carlson (Fr.)
RG	65	Nate Cole (Sr.)	57	Robert Lisowski (Fr.)
RT	70	John Morookian (Jr.)	67	Zac Kerin (Fr.)
TE	86	Danny Noble (Jr.)	94	Jerome Jones (Jr.)
QB	4	Austin Dantin (So.)	14	Alex Pettee (Sr.)
RB	23	Morgan Williams (Jr.)	24	Adonis Thomas (Jr.)

**DEFENSE (5)**

DE	40	Alex Johnson (Sr.)	84	Christian Smith (Fr.)
DT	52	Johnathan Lamb (Jr.)	94	Johnie Roberts (Jr.)
DT	97	Malcolm Riley (Jr.)	30	Ben Pike (Fr.)
DE	58	Douglas Westbrook (Sr.)	23	T.J. Fatinikun (So.)
LB	32	Dan Molls (So.)	49	Terrell Anderson (Jr.)
LB	42	Archie Donald (Sr.)	38	Robert Bell (So.)
Star	45	Isaiah Ballard (Jr.)	44	Drey'Lon Pree (Sr.)
CB	5	Daxton Swanson (So.)	2	Taikwon Paige (Jr.)
CB	3	Desmond Marrow (Sr.)	26	Byron Best (So.)
SS	43	Mark Singer (Jr.)	21	Ross Madison (Fr.)
FS	29	Jermaine Robinson (So.)	17	Diauntae Morrow (Jr.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	3	Ryan Casano (Jr.)	KR	12	Eric Page (So.)
P	2	Bill Claus (Jr.)	PR	12	Eric Page (So.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Austin Dantin, 119-79-962-4, 4 TDs  
Rushing: Morgan Williams, 74 car., 444 yds., 2 TDs  
Receiving: Eric Page, 82 rec., 1,159 yds., 7 TDs  
Tackles: Archie Donald, 116, 50 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 3  
Interceptions: Douglas Westbrook, 3 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 3	Arizona
Sept. 11	at Ohio
Sept. 18	at Western Michigan
Sept. 25	at Purdue
Oct. 2	Wyoming
Oct. 9	at Boise State
Oct. 16	Kent State
Oct. 23	Ball State
Oct. 30	at Eastern Michigan
Nov. 9	at Northern Illinois
Nov. 17	Bowling Green
Nov. 26	Central Michigan

**2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)**

Sept. 5	at Purdue	L	31-52
Sept. 11	Colorado	W	54-38
Sept. 19	Ohio State (Cleveland)	L	0-38
Sept. 26	at FIU	W	41-31
Oct. 3	at Ball State	W	37-30
Oct. 10	Western Michigan	L	26-58
Oct. 17	Northern Illinois	W	20-19
Oct. 24	Temple	L	24-40
Oct. 31	at Miami (Ohio)	L	24-31
Nov. 11	at Central Michigan	L	28-56
Nov. 20	Eastern Michigan	W	47-21
Nov. 27	at Bowling Green	L	24-38

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.7 ppg	2	38
Rushing	159.8 ypg	5	50
Passing	278.5 ypg	2	19
Total	438.3 ypg	1	13

Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	37.7 ppg	12	116
Rushing	166.0 ypg	8	87
Passing	241.4 ypg	13	94
Total	407.4 ypg	11	95

TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
-10	-0.83	12	111

HEAD COACH: TIM BECKMAN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-7 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 5-7 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MATT CAMPBELL DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAUL NICHOLS, MIKE WARD





# WESTERN MICHIGAN

## BRONCOS

KALAMAZOO, MICH. WALDO STADIUM (30,200)

**OFFENSE** The Broncos must overcome the loss of their two prime producers from 2009, quarterback Tim Hiller and running back Brandon West. That won't be easy, particularly behind a line that will likely have three sophomores as regulars this season.

Sophomore Alex Carder had a strong spring and exited drills first on the depth chart, although coach Bill Cubit stresses that the competition with redshirt freshman Tyler VanTubbergen will remain open through the summer. Whoever wins the job has a deep crop of targets to throw to, provided they're all healthy. Robert Arnheim, Jordan White, Juan Nunez, Chleb Ravenell and Ansel Ponder each caught more than 30 passes last year.

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Western Michigan ranked 100th in the nation with an average of only 1.42 sacks per game.

The ground game could well stagnate without West. The leading returning rusher, junior Aaron Winchester, gained just 148 yards last season. Redshirt freshman Brian Fields showed burst during the spring, and newcomers Tevin Drake and Dareyon Chance will get early chances to impress. Junior left tackle Anthony Parker and senior right guard Nick Clemens will anchor the line.

**DEFENSE** This unit wasn't that impressive last season, surrendering 27.5 points per game. That's why Cubit brought in new coordinator Dave Cohen, who was Hofstra's head coach. Cohen will use a 4-2-5 configuration at times this year but must produce improvement quickly because it will take the offense a while to get crackling.

The player to watch on the defense is

junior college import John Rice, a defensive tackle who is Hall of Fame receiver Jerry Rice's cousin and an expected standout on the front four. He'll team with ends T.J. Lynch and Paul Hazel and fellow tackle Weston Peiffer in an attempt to improve last year's ground defense, which surrendered 4.7 yards per carry.

Sophomore Deauntay Legrier had an impressive debut at middle linebacker in '09 and will anchor a unit that includes talented sophomore Dex Jones and Chris Prom. The return of safety Jamail Berry (five interceptions) strengthens a secondary that also includes junior safety Doug Wiggins.

**SPECIALISTS** John Potter made 10-of-15 field goal attempts last year, but only one of 40 yards or longer. He needs to get stronger and more accurate. The same can be said of junior punter Ben Armer, who averaged a pedestrian 39.0 yards per attempt. Ponder and White are the prime return candidates, and each has the ability to get loose for long runs.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Broncos are at a crossroads. They have been unable to keep pace with Central Michigan recently and took a step back last season, when there were bowl hopes swirling around Kalamazoo during the summer.

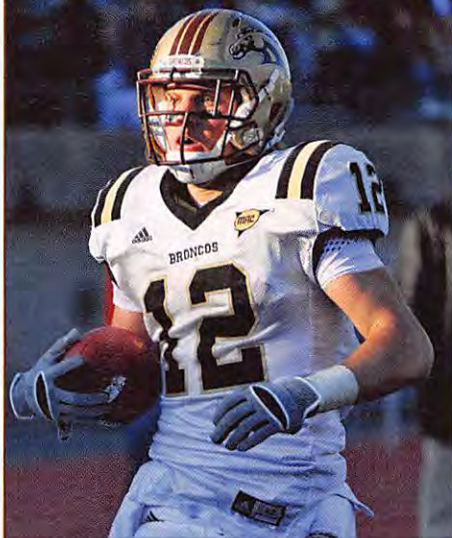
Cubit is retooling much of the offense, and the defense is getting a complete facelift in terms of both scheme and personnel. If this doesn't work, he could find his seat warming, especially if Central can withstand another coaching change and the loss of quarterback Dan LeFevour and contend again. In the trigger-happy MAC, which leads the universe in coaching upheaval, that could be a bad thing. The good news is that Cubit's recent recruiting efforts, particularly in Florida, have yielded good classes. It's time for them to deliver.

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ROBERT ARNHEIM

### THE QUOTE

"I think (quarterback) Alex Carder proved himself this spring. I thought he did a good job in terms of throwing the ball really well, making good decisions, understanding what he has to do and making plays."

— Coach Bill Cubit

### OFFENSE (6)

WR 81 Juan Nunez (Sr.)	13 Chleb Ravenell (Sr.)
WR 12 Robert Arnheim (Jr.)	8 Ansel Ponder (So.)
WR 83 Jordan White (Sr.)	7 Trey Smith (So.)
LT 72 Anthony Parker (Jr.)	73 Greg Peterson (Fr.)
LG 64 Sam Jaeger (So.)	65 Phillip Swanson (Sr.)
C 62 Kevin Galeher (So.)	60 Nick Mitchell (Sr.)
RG 61 Nick Clemens (Sr.)	70 Mark Zielinski (Fr.)
RT 68 Dann O'Neill (So.)	77 Ben Samson (So.)
TE 85 Blake Hammond (So.)	46 Clark Mussman (Fr.)
QB 14 Alex Carder (So.)	10 Tyler VanTubbergen (Fr.)
RB 23 Aaron Winchester (Jr.)	20 Brian Fields (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE 56 T.J. Lynch (Jr.)	91 Cory Sueing (Fr.)
DT 96 Weston Peiffer (Jr.)	93 Paul Dreher (So.)
DT 90 John Rice (Jr.)	92 Drew Nowak (Jr.)
DE 99 Paul Hazel (So.)	97 Freddie Bishop (So.)
LB 42 Dex Jones (So.)	47 Mitch Zajac (Jr.)
LB 94 Deauntay Legrier (So.)	40 Kyle Lark (Fr.)
LB 38 Chris Prom (So.)	39 Waymon Ross (So.)
CB 24 Lewis Toler (Fr.)	29 Jermaine Vereen (Fr.)
CB 6 Diamond Smith (So.)	9 Tronic Williams (Fr.)
SS 34 Jamail Berry (Sr.)	33 Mario Armstrong (Sr.)
FS 1 Doug Wiggins (Jr.)	27 Vernon Stewart (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 17 John Potter (Jr.)	KR 8 Ansel Ponder (So.)
P 37 Ben Armer (Jr.)	PR 83 Jordan White (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Alex Carder, 7-5-27-0, 0 TD

Rushing: Aaron Winchester, 46 car., 148 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Robert Arnheim, 59 rec., 701 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Mario Armstrong, 62, 35 solo

Sacks: Paul Hazel, 3

Interceptions: Jamail Berry, 5 for 69 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Michigan State
Sept. 11	Nicholls State
Sept. 18	Toledo
Oct. 2	Idaho
Oct. 9	at Ball State
Oct. 16	at Notre Dame
Oct. 23	at Akron
Oct. 30	Northern Illinois
Nov. 5	at Central Michigan
Nov. 13	Eastern Michigan
Nov. 20	Kent State
Nov. 26	at Bowling Green

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 4-4)

Sept. 5	at Michigan	L	7-31
Sept. 12	at Indiana	L	19-23
Sept. 19	Miami (Ohio)	W	48-26
Sept. 26	Hofstra	W	24-10
Oct. 3	at Northern Illinois	L	3-38
Oct. 10	at Toledo	W	58-26
Oct. 17	Central Michigan	L	23-34
Oct. 24	Buffalo	W (ot)	34-31
Oct. 31	at Kent State	L	14-26
Nov. 7	at Michigan State	L	14-49
Nov. 14	at Eastern Michigan	W	35-14
Nov. 24	Ball State	L	17-22

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.7	ppg	7	80
Rushing	112.3	ypg	10	100
Passing	275.5	ypg	3	21
Total	387.8	ypg	5	56

	Defense	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
Scoring	27.5	ppg	8	77
Rushing	178.3	ypg	10	97
Passing	240.5	ypg	12	92
Total	418.8	ypg	12	101

	TO Margin	Per Game	MAC	Nat'l
	-6		-0.50	9

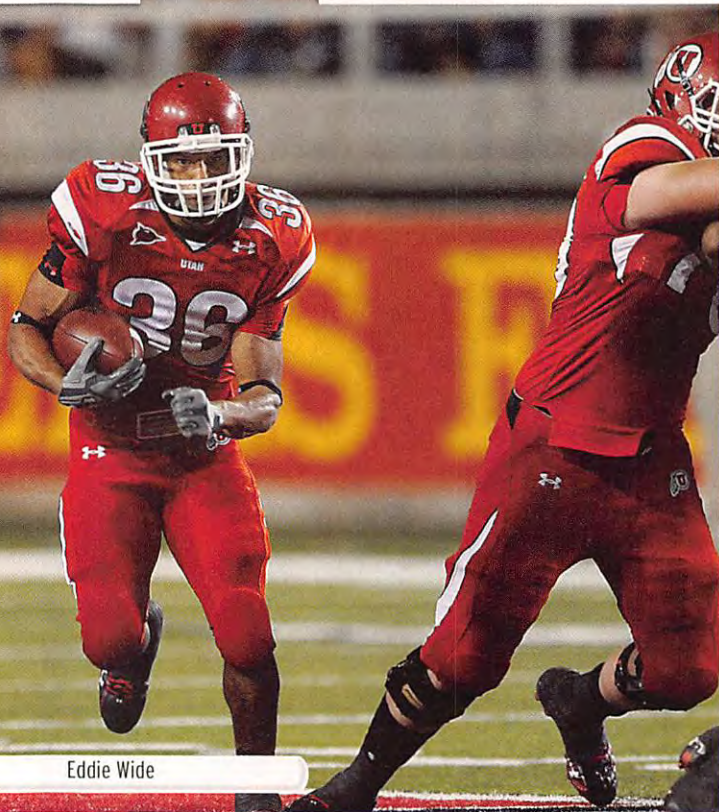
HEAD COACH: BILL CUBIT RECORD AT SCHOOL: 34-27 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 68-45-1 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILL CUBIT DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE COHEN





# MOUNTAIN WEST



Eddie Wide

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

		MWC	OVERALL
	1. TCU	8-0	11-1
	2. UTAH	7-1	9-3
	3. BYU	6-2	8-4
	4. AIR FORCE	5-3	7-5
	5. WYOMING	4-4	6-6
	6. SAN DIEGO STATE	2-6	5-7
	7. COLORADO STATE	2-6	4-8
	8. UNLV	1-7	2-10
	9. NEW MEXICO	1-7	2-10

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
AIR FORCE	7	3	9	9	6	5	2
BYU	5	5	3	2	5	6	4
COLORADO STATE	8	4	8	7	4	2	6
NEW MEXICO	9	7	7	8	3	3	9
SAN DIEGO STATE	3	8	2	5	8	9	7
TCU	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
UNLV	6	9	5	4	9	8	8
UTAH	2	1	4	3	2	7	5
WYOMING	4	6	6	6	7	4	3

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Andy Dalton	6'3"	215	Sr.	TCU
RB	Jared Tew	6'0"	210	Sr.	Air Force
RB	Eddie Wide	5'10"	195	Sr.	Utah
WR	Jereme Brooks	5'7"	170	Sr.	Utah
WR	Vincent Brown	6'0"	195	Sr.	San Diego State
TE	Alston Umuolo	6'4"	250	Sr.	San Diego State
C	Jake Kirkpatrick	6'3"	305	Sr.	TCU
OL	Marcus Cannon	6'5"	350	Sr.	TCU
OL	Braden Hansen	6'6"	300	So.	BYU
OL	Matt Reynolds	6'6"	329	Jr.	BYU
OL	Caleb Schlauderaff	6'4"	302	Sr.	Utah

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Wayne Daniels	6'2"	250	Sr.	TCU
DL	Cory Grant	6'2"	303	Sr.	TCU
DL	Dave Kruger	6'5"	275	So.	Utah
DL	Johnathan Rainey	6'2"	242	Jr.	New Mexico
LB	Tank Carder	6'2"	232	Jr.	TCU
LB	Carmen Messina	6'2"	222	Jr.	New Mexico
LB	Mychal Sisson	5'11"	209	Jr.	Colorado State
CB	Brandon Burton	6'0"	185	Jr.	Utah
CB	Reggie Rembert	5'8"	185	Sr.	Air Force
S	Tejay Johnson	6'1"	212	Sr.	TCU
S	Andrew Rich	6'3"	223	Sr.	BYU

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Ross Evans	5'9"	185	Jr.	TCU
P	Brian Stahovich	6'0"	195	Jr.	San Diego State
KR	Jeremy Kerley	5'10"	192	Sr.	TCU
PR	Jeremy Kerley	5'10"	192	Sr.	TCU

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Jordan Wynn	6'1"	195	So.	Utah
RB	Alvester Alexander	5'11"	208	So.	Wyoming
RB	Edward Wesley	5'9"	185	So.	TCU
WR	David Leonard	6'4"	200	Sr.	Wyoming
WR	Phillip Payne	6'3"	200	Jr.	UNLV
TE	Eric Peitz	6'5"	255	Sr.	Colorado State
C	Zane Taylor	6'2"	309	Sr.	Utah
OL	Byron Bell	6'5"	330	Jr.	New Mexico
OL	Terence Brown	6'3"	340	Jr.	BYU
OL	Kyle Dooley	6'3"	315	Jr.	TCU
OL	Matt Murphy	6'4"	300	Sr.	UNLV

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Gabe Knapton	6'3"	248	Jr.	Wyoming
DL	Guy Miller	6'3"	297	Sr.	Colorado State
DL	Rick Ricketts	6'3"	260	Sr.	Air Force
DL	Sealver Siliga	6'3"	299	Jr.	Utah
LB	Ricky Brewer	6'2"	217	Sr.	Colorado State
LB	Brian Hendricks	6'1"	228	Jr.	Wyoming
LB	Jordan Pendleton	6'2"	228	Jr.	BYU
CB	Brian Logan	5'6"	176	Sr.	BYU
CB	Anthony Wright	5'10"	190	Jr.	Air Force
S	Elijah-Blu Smith	5'11"	190	Jr.	Colorado State
S	Chris Prosinski	6'1"	210	Sr.	Wyoming

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALIST

K	Joe Phillips	5'11"	192	Sr.	Utah
P	Austin McCoy	6'3"	202	Jr.	Wyoming
KR	O'Neill Chambers	6'2"	210	Jr.	BYU
PR	Anthony Wright	5'10"	190	Jr.	Air Force

Utah SD



COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. FALCON STADIUM (46,692)

## FALCONS

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MWC PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Quarterback Tim Jefferson was the Mountain West's Offensive Freshman of the Year, and last season as a sophomore he battled back from injury to lead the Falcons to four victories in their final five games. His last game — a win over Houston — was the best performance of his career.

But guess what? There's a quarterback controversy at Air Force.

Jefferson is battling to keep his starting job against Connor Dietz. Jefferson is the better passer, and it's not close. Dietz is the better runner, and it's not close there, either. Dietz must develop better timing and accuracy with his pitches, where he was inept last season, and quit calling his own number so often on the option if he wants to unseat Jefferson.

Halfback Asher Clark has been adequate but not much more during two seasons as a starter. He often seems eager to run out of bounds to escape contact. Fullback Jared Tew is, like Clark, undersized, which hurts the Falcons' ability to attack up the middle.

open. He has superb hands and uses his height to grab the ball away from defenders. Fogler, a high school basketball star, often looks more like a rebounder than a receiver.

**DEFENSE** The Falcons boast one of the nation's more gifted secondaries. Reggie Rembert, Anthony Wright Jr. and Jon Davis could be scoring touchdowns for the Falcons. All were offensive stars in high school. Instead, Calhoun has asked the trio to stop opponents from scoring touchdowns. Each time a quarterback tests the AFA secondary, he's taking a risk Rembert, Wright or Davis will intercept the pass and return it for a score.

The rest of the defense is sketchy. Departed defensive lineman Ben Garland was so dominant, he allowed the Falcons to use a three-man rush. No one on the roster is prepared to replace him. AFA needs to find a pass-rusher who can hassle opposing quarterbacks.

The Falcons badly need linebacker Ken Lamendola, an oft-injured senior, to be healthy. When he isn't nursing an injury, Lamendola greatly increases AFA's toughness against the run.

**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker Erik Soderberg recovered from an excruciating, game-losing miss against Navy to deliver a superb season. AFA is searching for a punter, and spring drills were not encouraging. Keil Bartholomew and Andrew Heard did not dazzle Calhoun.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Calhoun has led a revival at Air Force, leading the Falcons to three straight bowl games. In order to invade the Mountain West's top three, he needs his inexperienced offensive line to mature instantly and for Clark to emerge as a more physical, consistent runner.

He also must quickly settle the quarterback issue. A controversy will confuse and drain the Falcons.



REGGIE REMBERT

### THE QUOTE

"They still run the triple-option and run it well, but they do other things that keep you from practicing all your time against it, so you have to be a little more vanilla on defense, which gives them some huge advantages."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	83 Kevin Fogler (Sr.)	4 Kyle Halderman (Sr.)
WR	15 Jonathan Warzeka (Jr.)	30 Mikel Hunter (So.)
LT	73 A.J. Wallerstein (Jr.)	72 Chase Douglass (So.)
LG	71 Jason Kons (So.)	67 Jordan Eason (So.)
C	69 Michael Hester (Jr.)	68 Nick Jackson (So.)
RG	74 Chase Darden (Sr.)	63 Jeffrey Benson (Jr.)
RT	61 Tyler Schonscheck (Sr.)	60 Alexander Arndt (Sr.)
TE	82 Chaz Demerath (Sr.)	84 Daniel Pickett (Jr.)
QB	7 Tim Jefferson (Jr.)	11 Connor Dietz (Jr.)
FB	42 Jared Tew (Sr.)	39 Nathan Walker (Sr.)
RB	17 Asher Clark (Jr.)	21 Darius Jones (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DL	92 Wylie Wikstrom (Jr.)	78 Zach Payne (Jr.)
DL	86 Ryan Gardner (Jr.)	88 Ben Kopacka (Jr.)
DL	90 Rick Ricketts (Sr.)	95 Henry Kehs (Jr.)
LB	44 Patrick Hennessey (Sr.)	38 James Chambers (So.)
LB	36 Andre Morris Jr. (Sr.)	32 Jordan Waiwaiole (Jr.)
LB	47 Ken Lamendola (Sr.)	58 Wale Lawal Jr. (So.)
LB	41 Brady Amack (Jr.)	43 Brian Corcoran (So.)
CB	5 Anthony Wright (Jr.)	12 Ben Cochran (Sr.)
CB	8 Reggie Rembert (Sr.)	24 P.J. Abeji-Paul (Jr.)
SS	31 Brian Lindsay (So.)	10 Phil Ofili (Jr.)
FS	16 Jon Davis (Jr.)	14 Josh Hall (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	99 Erik Soderberg (Jr.)	KR	8 Reggie Rembert (Sr.)
P	97 Keil Bartholomew (Sr.)	PR	8 Reggie Rembert (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Tim Jefferson, 93-53-848-2, 5 TDs  
 Rushing: Jared Tew, 238 car., 970 yds., 9 TDs  
 Receiving: Kevin Fogler, 25 rec., 567 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Andre Morris Jr., 65, 33 solo  
 Sacks: Rick Ricketts, 4  
 Interceptions: Anthony Wright, 7 for 153 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Air Force has lost to archrival Navy seven straight times by a total of 36 points. Four of the losses have been by three points.

Coach Troy Calhoun must replace his entire line, but the loss could be less staggering than it appears. The Falcons rushed for 3,685 yards last season with the zone blocking system Calhoun borrowed from Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan. A.J. Wallerstein leads a group of undersized but athletic linemen who will keep opening holes for the Falcons' run-obsessed attack.

Kevin Fogler shouldn't be an effective deep threat. He's too slow and too gangly, but he's an expert at fooling defensive backs into believing the Falcons are in the middle of yet another running play. Then he bursts into the

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Northwestern State
Sept. 11	BYU
Sept. 18	at Oklahoma
Sept. 25	at Wyoming
Oct. 2	Navy
Oct. 9	Colorado State
Oct. 16	at San Diego State
Oct. 23	at TCU
Oct. 30	Utah
Nov. 6	at Army
Nov. 13	New Mexico
Nov. 18	at UNLV

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-3)

Sept. 5	Nicholls State	W	72-0
Sept. 12	at Minnesota	L	13-20
Sept. 19	at New Mexico	W	37-13
Sept. 26	San Diego State	W	26-14
Oct. 3	at Navy	L (ot)	13-16
Oct. 10	TCU	L	17-20
Oct. 17	Wyoming	W	10-0
Oct. 24	at Utah	L (ot)	16-23
Oct. 31	at Colorado State	W	34-16
Nov. 7	Army	W	35-7
Nov. 14	UNLV	W	45-17
Nov. 21	at BYU	L	21-38
Dec. 31	#Houston	W	47-20

# Armed Forces Bowl

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.7 ppg	4	36
Rushing	283.5 ypg	1	3
Passing	88.4 ypg	9	117
Total	371.9 ypg	4	66
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	15.7 ppg	2	10
Rushing	134.0 ypg	3	47
Passing	154.3 ypg	1	5
Total	288.3 ypg	2	11
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
+22	+1.69	1	1

HEAD COACH: TROY CALHOUN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 25-13 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 25-13 (3 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: CLAY HENDRIX, BLANE MORGAN CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: MATT WALLERSTEDT, CHARLTON WARREN



**BYU**

PROVO, UTAH LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045)

**COUGARS**

**OFFENSE** For only the second time in Bronco Mendenhall's six seasons as BYU's coach, the Cougars will have a new starting quarterback. Max Hall started the past 39 games, following John Beck, who started the first 25 games of the Mendenhall era.

Now comes Riley Nelson, a junior who transferred from Utah State and backed up Hall last season, or freshman Jake Heaps. They competed evenly through spring drills. Nelson "gives you the element of mobility and grit and leadership," Mendenhall said, while Heaps is a "natural, poised pocket passer."

Harvey Unga, the school's career rushing leader, was expected to ease the offense's transition after Hall's graduation. In April, however, Unga withdrew from BYU in connection with an honor code violation, the school announced, and is unlikely to return. Unga's departure means bigger roles for running backs JJ Di Luigi and Bryan Kariya, and increased need for the passing game to develop quickly with receivers O'Neill Chambers and McKay Jacobson aiding the new quarterback. Chambers was second on the team with 32 receptions last year. Jacobson caught the winning touchdown pass against Oklahoma in the opener but missed four games with a hamstring injury.

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Max Hall posted a BYU career-record 32 wins (with seven losses) in three seasons as the starting quarterback.

The offensive line, led by all-conference tackle Matt Reynolds and veterans Braden Hansen, Terence Brown and Nick Alletto, is solid. They powered BYU to 427.2 total yards per game, ranking second in the Mountain West. But the Cougars must replace tight ends Dennis Pitta, the school's career receiving leader, and Andrew George.

**DEFENSE** The front seven took a big hit in BYU's 3-4 scheme, with nosetackle Romney Fuga and linebacker Jordan Pendleton the only returning starters. It helps that lineman Eathyn Manumaleuna, who blocked UCLA's game-winning field goal attempt in the 2007 Las Vegas Bowl and then left for an LDS Church mission, has returned. Vic So'oto, formerly a tight end and linebacker, should step in at end. Inexperienced linebackers such as Jordan Atkinson, Shane Hunter and Brandon Ogletree will have to mature quickly.

The secondary is more established, coming off a season when BYU ranked fourth in the Mountain West in total defense, allowing 329.1 yards per game. The group is led by safety Andrew Rich, who intercepted four passes and topped the team with 85 tackles. Brian Logan's 17 passes defended tied him for second in the country. The other cornerback, Brandon Bradley, is also dependable.

**SPECIALISTS** Mitch Payne made 10-of-14 field goals, and Riley Stephenson averaged 41.3 yards as a punter. Each had trouble keeping kickoffs in bounds, however. Chambers is a capable return man, particularly with kickoffs. He averaged 25.6 yards, highlighted by a 97-yard runback.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Cougars have lost no more than two regular-season games during any of the past four years, but they could top that figure in September alone. The opening month's schedule includes home games with Washington and Nevada and trips to Air Force and Florida State. The loss of Unga will place great demands on the new quarterback, and a defense with several new starters may not be ready to carry the team early in the season. It all adds up to the biggest challenge for Mendenhall since his first year in 2005, when he produced a 6-6 record after BYU had suffered three straight losing seasons. Since then, he has a 43-9 mark.

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**3****BRIAN LOGAN****THE QUOTE**

"BYU has to recruit a little more speed — especially in the secondary — before they can become an elite team like TCU was last year."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

**OFFENSE (6)**

WR	4 O'Neill Chambers (Jr.)	83 Spencer Hafoka (Jr.)
WR	6 McKay Jacobson (Jr.)	29 Luke Ashworth (Sr.)
LT	70 Matt Reynolds (Jr.)	73 Jason Speredon (Sr.)
LG	76 Braden Hansen (So.)	54 Ryan Freeman (Jr.)
C	60 Terence Brown (Jr.)	78 Houston Reynolds (Fr.)
RG	72 Nick Alletto (Sr.)	62 Marco Thorson (Jr.)
RT	75 Braden Brown (So.)	73 Jason Speredon (Sr.)
TE	82 Mike Muehlmann (Fr.)	84 Devin Mahina (Fr.)
QB	13 Riley Nelson (Jr.)	9 Jake Heaps (Fr.)
RB	33 Bryan Kariya (Jr.)	36 Joshua Quezada (Fr.)
RB	10 JJ Di Luigi (Jr.)	30 Malosi Te'o (Fr.)

**DEFENSE (5)**

LE	37 Vic So'oto (Sr.)	Graham Rowley (Fr.)
NT	98 Romney Fuga (Jr.)	Eathyn Manumaleuna (So.)
RE	41 Matt Putnam (Jr.)	79 Thomas Bryson (Fr.)
SLB	1 Jordan Pendleton (Jr.)	3 Kyle Van Noy (Fr.)
MLB	51 Shane Hunter (Sr.)	Austen Jorgensen (Fr.)
ILB	44 Brandon Ogletree (So.)	31 Aveni Leung-Wai (Jr.)
WLB	43 Jordan Atkinson (Sr.)	48 Jameson Frazier (Jr.)
CB	7 Brian Logan (Sr.)	26 Robbie Buckner (So.)
CB	5 Brandon Bradley (Sr.)	25 Corby Eason (Jr.)
SS	22 Andrew Rich (Sr.)	18 Jray Galea'i (Fr.)
FS	24 Steven Thomas (Jr.)	23 Travis Uale (Jr.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	38 Mitch Payne (Sr.)	KR	4 O'Neill Chambers (Jr.)
P	99 Riley Stephenson (So.)	PR	4 O'Neill Chambers (Jr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Riley Nelson, 10-7-99-0, 1 TD  
 Rushing: JJ Di Luigi, 45 car., 248 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: O'Neill Chambers, 32 rec., 376 yds., 1 TD  
 Tackles: Andrew Rich, 85, 51 solo  
 Sacks: Jordan Pendleton, 3  
 Interceptions: Andrew Rich, 4 for 91 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	Washington
Sept. 11	at Air Force
Sept. 18	at Florida State
Sept. 25	Nevada
Oct. 1	at Utah State
Oct. 9	San Diego State
Oct. 16	at TCU
Oct. 23	Wyoming
Nov. 6	UNLV
Nov. 13	at Colorado State
Nov. 20	New Mexico
Nov. 27	at Utah

**2009 RESULTS (11-2, 7-1)**

Sept. 5	at Oklahoma	W	14-13
Sept. 12	at Tulane	W	54-3
Sept. 19	Florida State	L	28-54
Sept. 26	Colorado State	W	42-23
Oct. 2	Utah State	W	35-17
Oct. 10	at UNLV	W	59-21
Oct. 17	at San Diego State	W	38-28
Oct. 24	TCU	L	7-38
Nov. 7	at Wyoming	W	52-0
Nov. 14	at New Mexico	W	24-19
Nov. 21	Air Force	W	38-21
Nov. 28	Utah	W (ot)	26-23
Dec. 22	# Oregon State	W	44-20
	# Las Vegas Bowl		

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	35.5 ppg	2	11
Rushing	145.7 ypg	4	63
Passing	281.5 ypg	1	17
Total	427.2 ypg	2	21
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	21.5 ppg	4	29
Rushing	110.2 ypg	2	21
Passing	218.9 ypg	5	62
Total	329.1 ypg	4	28
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
0	0.00	5	60

HEAD COACH: BRONCO MENDENHALL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 49-15 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 49-15 (5 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ROBERT ANAE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAIME HILL





# COLORADO STATE

## RAMS

FORT COLLINS, COLO. HUGHES STADIUM (32,500)

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MWC PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** After back-to-back seasons with one-and-done seniors at quarterback, Colorado State likely will have a freshman as the starter. True freshman Pete Thomas, a highly rated prospect who graduated from high school early to jump-start his collegiate career, is expected to win the job. At 6'5", 218 pounds, the strong-armed Thomas certainly looks the part, but he'll be a few months removed from his senior prom when the Rams open the season against Colorado. The other candidate is redshirt freshman Nico Ranieri, a strong runner with solid passing skills.

There are other offensive issues beyond a green quarterback. The line lost four starters, which could make for a frightening scenario for Thomas. And the receivers are young and untested.

supporting cast contributes to a linebacking group that should be CSU's best in several years.

The line returns two starters and appears to have gained the size and experience needed to compete in the rugged MWC. Ends Cory Macon and Eugene Daniels provide pass-rushing skills, while tackles Ty Whittier, Nuku Latu and Guy Miller are solid against the run.

The secondary graduated reliable veterans in safety Klint Kubiak and corner Nick Oppenheer, but the new group should be faster and more athletic. Two-year starter Momo Thomas is coming into his own at corner, and safety Elijah-Blu Smith was a pleasant surprise last year after moving from corner. Freshman Mike Orakpo, the younger brother of former Texas All-American Brian Orakpo, is an intriguing prospect at safety.

If the Rams are to improve, the defense must get off the field on third down after allowing foes to succeed more than half the time last year.



LEONARD MASON

# 120

The 2009 Rams ranked 120th nationally — dead last — in third-down defense, allowing foes to convert on 54.7 percent of their opportunities.

The strength of the offense is its arsenal of five solid running backs. That group is headlined by UCLA transfer Raymond Carter, once considered a can't-miss prospect, and seniors Jon Mosure and Leonard Mason. Look for freshman Chris Nwoke to challenge for carries as well. That talent and depth will help third-year coach Steve Fairchild continue his philosophy of establishing a punishing running game to compensate for other weaknesses.

**DEFENSE** With seven starters returning, the defense should be the strength of the team, particularly at linebacker. Mychal Sisson, a playmaking junior, has led the Rams in tackles the past two years and is an honors candidate. He will be joined by senior Ricky Brewer, another honors candidate who sat out last season while serving a suspension. The

**SPECIALISTS** The Rams return kicker Ben DeLine and punter Pete Kontodiakos, and coaches are hoping playmaker Lou Greenwood can add some zip to the return game. One major concern is kick coverage; the Rams had only three touchbacks all season, and their opponents' average field position following kickoffs was the 33-yard line.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Rams are coming off a head-scratching year in which they started 3-0 and then lost nine in a row, going oh-fer in the MWC. That's not exactly an ideal situation for any quarterback, let alone a freshman. Still, Fairchild and his staff are starting to fill some of the talent gaps they inherited with aggressive recruiting in Florida and Texas, and team speed and size have dramatically improved. If the defense can keep things close, and if Thomas is as good as advertised at quarterback, the Rams should be improved. If not, it will be another long season in Fort Collins.

### THE QUOTE

"I just don't think Colorado State is getting the kind of players they were getting when they were dominant in the conference. I don't think the talent level is as good as it was before."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	8 Byron Steele (So.)	80 Vernon Scott (Fr.)
WR	23 Tyson Liggett (Sr.)	9 Marquise Law (So.)
WT	76 Paul Madsen (Jr.)	77 Joe Caprioglio (So.)
WG	58 Jake Gdowski (Jr.)	68 Scott Carter (Jr.)
C	72 Tyler McDermott (Jr.)	70 Weston Richburg (Fr.)
SG	65 Ryan Griffith (Sr.)	54 Connor Smith (Sr.)
ST	78 Mark Starr (Sr.)	79 Justin Becker (Fr.)
TE	45 Eric Peitz (Sr.)	83 Matt Weems (Fr.)
QB	4 Pete Thomas (Fr.)	16 Nico Ranieri (Fr.)
FB	36 Zac Pauga (Sr.)	42 Jason Klingerman (So.)
RB	7 John Mosure (Sr.)	2 Leonard Mason (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	24 Cory Macon (Sr.)	91 C.J. James (So.)
DT	46 Ty Whittier (Sr.)	92 Nuku Latu (Jr.)
NT	66 Guy Miller (Sr.)	94 Te'Jay Brown (Fr.)
DE	61 Eugene Daniels (Jr.)	29 Broderick Sargent (So.)
SLB	56 Ricky Brewer (Sr.)	39 Davis Burl (So.)
MLB	51 Alex Williams (Sr.)	3 Chris Gipson (So.)
WLB	6 Mychal Sisson (Jr.)	43 James Skelton (So.)
CB	5 Momo Thomas (Jr.)	38 Immanuel Mitchell (Fr.)
CB	2 DeAngelo Wilkinson (Sr.)	15 Marcus Shaw (So.)
SS	35 Ivory Herd (Jr.)	25 Travis Ford (Sr.)
FS	22 Elijah-Blu Smith (Jr.)	13 Ezra Thompson (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	14 Ben DeLine (Jr.)	KR	33 Lou Greenwood (So.)
P	41 Pete Kontodiakos (So.)	PR	5 Momo Thomas (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: John Mosure, 1-1-23-0, 1 TD

Rushing: Leonard Mason, 156 car, 766 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Zac Pauga, 25 rec., 219 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Mychal Sisson, 91, 51 solo

Sacks: Mychal Sisson, 6

Interceptions: Elijah-Blu Smith, 3 for 54 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#Colorado
Sept. 11	at Nevada
Sept. 18	at Miami (Ohio)
Sept. 25	Idaho
Oct. 2	TCU
Oct. 9	at Air Force
Oct. 16	UNLV
Oct. 23	at Utah
Oct. 30	New Mexico
Nov. 6	at San Diego State
Nov. 13	BYU
Nov. 20	at Wyoming
	#Denver

### 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 0-8)

Sept. 6	at Colorado	W	23-17
Sept. 12	Weber State	W	24-23
Sept. 19	Nevada	W	35-20
Sept. 26	at BYU	L	23-42
Oct. 3	at Idaho	L	29-31
Oct. 10	Utah	L	17-24
Oct. 17	at TCU	L	6-44
Oct. 24	San Diego State	L	28-42
Oct. 31	Air Force	L	16-34
Nov. 7	at UNLV	L	16-35
Nov. 21	at New Mexico	L	27-29
Nov. 27	Wyoming	L	16-17

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	21.7 ppg	7	97
Rushing	144.3 ypg	5	64
Passing	206.9 ypg	7	76
Total	351.2 ypg	6	79
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.8 ppg	6	93
Rushing	152.1 ypg	5	71
Passing	235.7 ypg	8	87
Total	387.8 ypg	6	78
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
0	0.00	5	60

HEAD COACH: STEVE FAIRCHILD RECORD AT SCHOOL: 10-15 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 10-15 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAT MEYER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: LARRY KERR





# NEW MEXICO

## LOBOS

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY STADIUM (39,224)

**OFFENSE** Second-year coach Mike Locksley wants the Lobos to get back to their physical roots in 2010 after a cringe-worthy 2009 season. The move makes perfect sense for the offense because of a trio of talented returning running backs and uncertainty at quarterback.

Sophomore B.R. Holbrook's offseason emergence, however, could make New Mexico a dangerous passing team. He still faces a tall order in holding off incoming freshmen Tarean Austin and Darian "Stump" Godfrey — both recruited for Locksley's spread offense — but he put himself in position to win the job.

"The advantage B.R. has is he's been in the system for two years," Locksley says. "But he understands that we've got two pretty good freshmen who are going to be given a chance to compete."

**DEFENSE** The Lobos' emphasis on physicality should show on defense, too, especially up front. Junior end Jaymar Latchison anchored a strong corps in the offseason. The addition of Illinois transfers Ugo Uzodinma and Reggie Ellis and incoming freshman Calvin Smith make the unit the deepest on the team. Junior end Johnathan Rainey, who was second in the Mountain West in sacks in '09, will be healthy after undergoing offseason shoulder surgery.

Junior middle linebacker Carmen Messina, the nation's leading tackler last season, is playing faster with a year's experience in Doug Mallory's 4-3 scheme. Sophomore weak-side linebacker Joe Stoner shed 10 pounds, and coaches are excited about his speed. To contend with the wide-open offenses on the schedule, UNM will often substitute nickelback Nathan Enriquez for a linebacker.

The biggest question marks on the team are in the secondary. Starting cornerbacks Anthony Hooks and Emmanuel McPhearson are experienced but young. The Lobos have little experience at safety outside Bubba Forrest. Sophomore free safety Freddy Young had the best offseason. Running back A.J. Butler and wide receiver Carmeiris Stewart converted to safety to add ability and depth.

Whoever ascends at quarterback will have reliable tailbacks to spearhead the ground attack. Sophomores Demond Dennis and Kasey Carrier are more comfortable with the scheme and show a surprising willingness to run between the tackles. UNM still is waiting for bruising junior James Wright to exert his power.

The Lobos retain the bulk of their steady wide receiver corps, led by sophomore Ty Kirk and senior Bryant Williams. Senior Chris Hernandez also could have an impact year. The major improvement could be at tight end, where sophomore Lucas Reed will mentor incoming freshman Brad Miller.

The line also could enjoy a transformation. Rejuvenated junior left tackle Byron Bell leads an underrated group that had a promising offseason.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior kicker James Aho and sophomore deep snapper Evan Jacobsen are among the league's best. The Lobos must break in strong-legged redshirt freshman Ben Skaer at punter and find a capable kickoff specialist. The return game is unproven.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** With only five seniors penciled in as starters — a number that could go down — the Lobos will be young in 2010. A brutal three-week opening schedule could be confidence-crushing. Still, the Lobos have some talent, and if they decide on a quarterback early and improve in the secondary, they could take a step forward.

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MWC PREDICTION

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CARMEN MESSINA

48.8

The Lobos' total offense averaged 48.8 yards more per game over their last five games than it did over the first seven in 2009.

### THE QUOTE

"Their success is going to depend on how well the quarterback plays. They've got skill — not Utah or TCU skill — but skill that's good enough to win with."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR 18	Chris Hernandez (Sr.)	85	Quintell Solomon (So.)
WR 84	Ty Kirk (So.)	19	Myles Daughtry (Fr.)
WR 7	Bryant Williams (Sr.)	82	Nick Wilhelm (Sr.)
LT 74	Byron Bell (Jr.)	75	Jon Washington (Jr.)
LG 73	Karlín Givens (Sr.)	76	Zayn Bin-Bilal (Sr.)
C 63	Dillon Farrell (Fr.)	79	Mike Muniz (Jr.)
RG 56	Mike Cannon (Sr.)	61	Calvin McDowney (Fr.)
RT	Justin Robbins (Jr.)	77	Maurice Mears (Sr.)
TE 97	Lucas Reed (So.)		Brad Miller (Fr.)
QB	Stump Godfrey (Fr.)	12	B.R. Holbrook (So.)
RB 1	Demond Dennis (So.)	21	Kasey Carrier (So.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE 48	Jaymar Latchison (Jr.)	60	Jake Carr (So.)
DT 49	Ugo Uzodinma (So.)		Calvin Smith (Fr.)
DT 93	Peter Gardner (Sr.)	92	Reggie Ellis (So.)
DE 88	Johnathan Rainey (Jr.)	59	Seth Johannemann (Sr.)
WLB 39	Joe Stoner (So.)	44	Joe Harris (So.)
MLB 58	Carmen Messina (Jr.)	45	Terel Anyaibe (Sr.)
SLB 46	Spencer Merritt (So.)	41	Dallas Bollema (Fr.)
CB 6	Anthony Hooks (Jr.)	29	DeShawn Mills (So.)
CB 2	Emmanuel McPhearson (So.)	47	Nathan Enriquez (So.)
SS 34	A.J. Butler (So.)	28	Bubba Forrest (Jr.)
FS 17	Freddy Young (So.)	38	Carmeiris Stewart (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 12	James Aho (Jr.)	KR 84	Ty Kirk (So.)
P 35	Ben Skaer (Fr.)	PR 7	Bryant Williams (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: B.R. Holbrook, 34-19-170-2, 1 TD

Rushing: Demond Dennis, 78 car., 427 yds., 3 TDs

Receiving: Ty Kirk, 36 rec., 427 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Carmen Messina, 162, 80 solo

Sacks: Johnathan Rainey, 9.5

Interceptions: Nathan Enriquez, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Oregon
Sept. 11	Texas Tech
Sept. 18	Utah
Sept. 25	at UNLV
Oct. 2	UTEP
Oct. 9	at New Mexico State
Oct. 23	San Diego State
Oct. 30	at Colorado State
Nov. 6	Wyoming
Nov. 13	at Air Force
Nov. 20	at BYU
Nov. 27	TCU

### 2009 RESULTS (1-11, 1-7)

Sept. 5	at Texas A&M	L	6-41
Sept. 12	Tulsa	L	10-44
Sept. 19	Air Force	L	13-37
Sept. 26	New Mexico State	L	17-20
Oct. 3	at Texas Tech	L	28-48
Oct. 10	at Wyoming	L	13-37
Oct. 24	UNLV	L	17-34
Oct. 31	at San Diego State	L	20-23
Nov. 7	at Utah	L	14-45
Nov. 14	BYU	L	19-24
Nov. 21	Colorado State	W	29-27
Nov. 28	at TCU	L	10-51

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	16.3 ppg	9	113
Rushing	100.3 ypg	8	110
Passing	215.1 ypg	6	63
Total	315.3 ypg	8	103
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	35.9 ppg	9	113
Rushing	165.0 ypg	6	83
Passing	253.7 ypg	9	105
Total	418.7 ypg	8	100
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
-6	-0.50	8	97

HEAD COACH: MIKE LOCKSLEY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 1-10 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 1-10 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DARRELL DICKEY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DOUG MALLORY





# SAN DIEGO STATE

## AZTECS

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
MWC PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** San Diego State features an exciting passing game behind quarterback Ryan Lindley and receivers Vincent Brown and DeMarco Sampson. Lindley has become one of the better quarterbacks in the Mountain West Conference, throwing for 3,054 yards and 23 touchdowns last season in his first year under the tutelage of offensive coordinator Al Borges. However, Lindley's interception total grew to 16 after only nine in 2008. That total needs to drop this season.

Brown was having a sensational junior campaign until a thumb injury sidelined him for the final five-plus games. He still caught 45 passes for 778 yards and six touchdowns. Sampson emerged in Brown's absence and finished with a team-leading 62 receptions.

San Diego State's running game (116th nationally) was atrocious last season but should get a boost from freshman Ronnie Hillman, who missed last season due to eligibility issues. Walter Kazee (broken ankle in the spring) should compete with Hillman for the starting gig. Last season's leading rusher, Brandon Sullivan (558 yards) has moved to fullback.

Center Trask Iosefa returns to lead an offensive line that could feature three junior college transfers (tackles Juan Bolanos and Joe Unga and guard Riley Gauld) in the starting lineup.

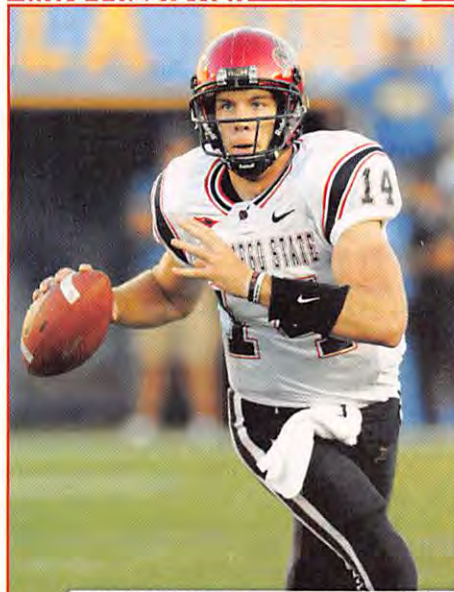
allow him to roam. Preston will be flanked by safeties Dey Juan Hemmings and Brandon Davis. Hemmings injured an ankle during spring drills but should be fully recovered well before September. Jose Perez and Leon McFadden are the two starting cornerbacks.

Up front, the Aztecs moved Ernie Lawson from tackle to end to get Jerome Long on the field as the starting nose tackle. Lawson was second on the team with 6.5 tackles for a loss last season, and he could rack up even more now that he has more room to roam. B.J. Williams, the other starting defensive end, had only 4.5 tackles for a loss last season after recording 10.5 as a sophomore.

Outside linebacker Miles Burris is a rising junior and could be in line for a big season after finishing second on the squad with 58 tackles last season. Marcus Yarbrough is the team's new starting middle linebacker, and Logan Kerchum also starts for the first time at the other outside backer spot.

**SPECIALISTS** Punter Brian Stahovich had a solid season in 2009 that included a 43.8-yard average and 17 punts of 50 yards or more. He also placed 13 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Bryan Shields, a transfer from Utah State, is the team's new kicker.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Second-year coach Brady Hoke is trying to change the culture of a program long associated with underachieving. He doubled the victory total in his first season, but unfortunately that only represented a two-win improvement to 4-8 for a program that hasn't enjoyed a winning season or gone to a bowl game since 1998. Hoke is motivated to oversee a change in fortunes similar to the turnaround he engineered at Ball State. Whether that will translate to an improved record is up in the air. San Diego State traditionally fares better at optimism in the preseason than it does at producing positive results during the regular season.



RYAN LINDLEY

### THE QUOTE

"They are very athletic. When you're warming up before a game and you look to the other side, they look good. They're athletic and they can run."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	80 Vincent Brown (Sr.)	83 Osmond Nicholas (Fr.)
WR	1 DeMarco Sampson (Sr.)	4 Dominique Sandifer (So.)
LT	Joe Unga (Jr.)	60 Tommie Draheim (Jr.)
LG	Riley Gauld (Jr.)	65 Japheth Gordon (Fr.)
C	50 Trask Iosefa (Sr.)	71 Alec Johnson (So.)
RG	68 Nik Embernate (So.)	53 Emilio Rivera (Jr.)
RT	Juan Bolanos (Jr.)	69 Erik Quinones (So.)
TE	7 Alston Umuolo (Sr.)	88 Gavin Escobar (Fr.)
QB	14 Ryan Lindley (Jr.)	12 Jake Bernards (Fr.)
FB	23 Brandon Sullivan (Sr.)	32 Anthony Miller (So.)
RB	22 Ronnie Hillman (Fr.)	31 Walter Kazee (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	99 Ernie Lawson (Sr.)	Perry Jackson (Jr.)
NT	94 Jerome Long (Jr.)	55 Neil Spencer (Jr.)
DE	90 B.J. Williams (Sr.)	47 Jacob Tauanuu (Sr.)
OLB	31 Logan Kerchum (Jr.)	33 Colin Shumate (So.)
MLB	52 Marcus Yarbrough (Sr.)	44 Rob Andrews (So.)
OLB	9 Miles Burris (Jr.)	54 Demetrius Barksdale (Jr.)
AB	22 Andrew Preston (Sr.)	27 Eric Pinkins (So.)
CB	20 Leon McFadden (So.)	4 Romeo Horn (Sr.)
CB	15 Jose Perez (Sr.)	17 Josh Wade (So.)
S	5 Dey Juan Hemmings (Sr.)	47 Nate Berhe (So.)
S	13 Brandon Davis (Jr.)	12 Darryn Lewis (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	29 Bryan Shields (Sr.)	KR	80 Vincent Brown (Sr.)
P	14 Brian Stahovich (Jr.)	PR	2 Preston King (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Lindley, 437-239-3,054-16, 23 TDs  
Rushing: Brandon Sullivan, 154 car., 558 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: DeMarco Sampson, 62 rec., 851 yds., 8 TDs  
Tackles: Miles Burris, 58, 30 solo  
Sacks: B.J. Williams, 2.5

Interceptions: Vincent Camarda, 2 for 17 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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San Diego State allowed 30 or more points six times last season — and lost all six games.

**DEFENSE** For Rocky Long's 3-3-5 system to work at its highest level, San Diego State needs better play at the hybrid safety/linebacker position in the defense. Senior Andrew Preston (200 career tackles) will be the new starter at the "Aztec" safety position, and there's a strong belief he could flourish at a position that will

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Nicholls State
Sept. 11	at New Mexico State
Sept. 18	at Missouri
Sept. 25	Utah State
Oct. 9	at BYU
Oct. 16	Air Force
Oct. 23	at New Mexico
Oct. 30	at Wyoming
Nov. 6	Colorado State
Nov. 13	at TCU
Nov. 20	Utah
Nov. 27	UNLV

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 2-6)

Sept. 5	at UCLA	L	14-33
Sept. 12	Southern Utah	W	35-19
Sept. 19	at Idaho	L	20-34
Sept. 26	at Air Force	L	14-26
Oct. 3	New Mexico State	W	34-17
Oct. 17	BYU	L	28-38
Oct. 24	at Colorado State	W	42-28
Oct. 31	New Mexico	W	23-20
Nov. 7	TCU	L	12-55
Nov. 14	Wyoming	L	27-30
Nov. 21	at Utah	L	7-38
Nov. 28	at UNLV	L	24-28

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	23.3 ppg	6	85	
Rushing	78.3 ypg	9	116	
Passing	263.6 ypg	2	30	
Total	341.9 ypg	7	86	
	Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	30.5 ppg	7	98	
Rushing	165.5 ypg	7	85	
Passing	216.5 ypg	4	53	
Total	382.0 ypg	5	74	
	TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
	-10	-0.83	9	111

HEAD COACH: BRADY HOKE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 4-8 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 38-46 (7 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: AL BORGES DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ROCKY LONG



**TCU**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS AMON G. CARTER (44,358)

**HORNED FROGS**

**OFFENSE** Andy Dalton returns for his fourth season as a starter, and does so as the winningest active quarterback in the nation. He's the reigning Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year, and his 29 victories are also tied for the most in TCU history with Sammy Baugh, the godfather of the modern passing game.

As he did last year, Dalton will have a deep group of running backs and receivers to help carry the offensive load behind a line that returns four of five starters.

Sophomores Matthew Tucker and Ed Wesley figure to lead the ground game after stellar freshman campaigns rushing and receiving. Two freshmen and a sophomore could also be in the mix. And Aundre Dean, a transfer from UCLA who was originally slated to play in the secondary, will get a look at tailback as well.

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TCU has led the nation in total defense four times since 2000, including the past two seasons. During that same period, only Virginia Tech has finished first in the nation in defense more than once.

At receiver, Jimmy Young moves inside along with Jeremy Kerley, and Antoine Hicks will be the big-play weapon on the outside.

Marcus Cannon, the Horned Frogs' top pro prospect, moves from right tackle to the left side, and Rimington Trophy finalist Jack Kirkpatrick anchors the line at center.

**DEFENSE** Gone are top playmakers Jerry Hughes, a two-time All-American at defensive end, and linebacker Daryl Washington, and TCU must also replace two four-year starters at cornerback. That quarter helped the 2009 unit lead the nation in total defense for a second straight year.

Cornerback is where the most concerns lie for Gary Patterson and his defensive staff.

Confidence is high in Jason Teague and Greg McCoy, but at least one true freshman will be on the two-deep depth chart.

Redshirt freshman Stansly Maponga and sophomore Ross Forrest will battle to replace Hughes on a senior-laden line, and linebacker Tank Carder will be ready to go for his second year as a starter after offseason shoulder surgery. He will be joined by Tanner Brock, a sophomore who made his name last year on special teams. Tejay Johnson leads an experienced group of safeties in TCU's 4-2-5 scheme.

**SPECIALISTS** Kerley, one of the nation's most electrifying return men, is back for his senior season. He returned two punts for touchdowns and had more than 1,000 yards handling kickoff and punt returns. He's a difference-maker on special teams. Kicker Ross Evans and punter Anson Kelton are back, but the kicking game will miss snapper Clint Gresham. He was one of only two snappers invited to the NFL Combine.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** TCU should again find itself in the mix to land in a BCS bowl game in January. The Frogs have a large group of core seniors who are motivated to get back after a Fiesta Bowl loss to Boise State to end last season.

Dalton will make the offense go, and it should be as productive or even better than the 2009 unit that set a school record for points. TCU is a defense-first team, and though four key playmakers have departed, coach Gary Patterson always plugs the holes without much decline.

The Frogs' schedule is fairly friendly, though Oregon State, Baylor and SMU will be out-of-conference challenges. Those games, though, will be played no more than an hour from home, and the toughest game will be Nov. 6 at Utah. TCU has not won in Salt Lake City since joining the Mountain West.

NATIONAL FORECAST

MWC PREDICTION

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**1****ANDY DALTON****THE QUOTE**

"There's no weaknesses in their scheme, no weaknesses in their talent or ability. Everybody has to catch up or come up with some kind of answer to compensate for the fact that they're going to be faster than you."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

**OFFENSE (9)**

WR 13	Antoine Hicks (Jr.)	82	Josh Boyce (Fr.)
WR 88	Jimmy Young (Sr.)	81	Alonzo Adams (Sr.)
WR 85	Jeremy Kerley (Sr.)	30	Skye Dawson (So.)
LT 61	Marcus Cannon (Sr.)	56	James Dunbar (Fr.)
LG 72	Kyle Dooley (Jr.)	66	Blaize Foltz (So.)
C 76	Jake Kirkpatrick (Sr.)	64	James Fry (So.)
RG 78	Josh Vernon (Sr.)	74	Ty Horn (Fr.)
RT 62	Jeff Olson (Jr.)	75	John Wooldridge (Fr.)
TE 84	Evan Frosch (Sr.)	80	Logan Brock (Jr.)
QB 14	Andy Dalton (Sr.)	12	Yogi Gallegos (So.)
RB 34	Ed Wesley (So.)	29	Matthew Tucker (So.)

**DEFENSE (7)**

LE 52	Ross Forrest (So.)	90	Stansly Maponga (Fr.)
NT 69	Kelly Griffin (Sr.)	93	Jeremy Coleman (So.)
DT 57	Cory Grant (Sr.)	94	D.J. Yendrey (So.)
RE 96	Wayne Daniels (Sr.)	95	Clarence Leatch (Sr.)
SLB 35	Tanner Brock (So.)	33	Kris Gardner (Jr.)
MLB 43	Tank Carder (Jr.)	51	Kenny Cain (So.)
CB 27	Jason Teague (Sr.)	15	Malcolm Williams (Sr.)
CB 7	Greg McCoy (Jr.)	19	Travaras Battle-Smith (Fr.)
SS 16	Jurrell Thompson (So.)	17	Tyler Luttrell (Sr.)
FS 3	Tejay Johnson (Sr.)	21	Johnny Fobbs (Jr.)
WS 9	Alex Ibiyoye (Sr.)	1	Tekerrein Cuba (Jr.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K 37	Ross Evans (Jr.)	KR 85	Jeremy Kerley (Sr.)
P 47	Anson Kelton (Jr.)	PR 85	Jeremy Kerley (Sr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Andy Dalton, 323-199-2,756-8, 23 TDs  
 Rushing: Matthew Tucker, 105 car., 676 yds., 8 TDs  
 Receiving: Jeremy Kerley, 44 rec., 532 yds., 2 TDs  
 Tackles: Tank Carder, 89, 51 solo  
 Sacks: Wayne Daniels, 5.5  
 Interceptions: Tejay Johnson, 3 for 22 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	# Oregon State
Sept. 11	Tennessee Tech
Sept. 18	Baylor
Sept. 24	at SMU
Oct. 2	at Colorado State
Oct. 9	Wyoming
Oct. 16	BYU
Oct. 23	Air Force
Oct. 30	at UNLV
Nov. 6	at Utah
Nov. 13	San Diego State
Nov. 27	at New Mexico
	# Arlington, TX

**2009 RESULTS (12-1, 8-0)**

Sept. 12	at Virginia	W	30-14
Sept. 19	Texas State	W	56-21
Sept. 26	at Clemson	W	14-10
Oct. 3	SMU	W	39-14
Oct. 10	at Air Force	W	20-17
Oct. 17	Colorado State	W	44-6
Oct. 24	at BYU	W	38-7
Oct. 31	UNLV	W	41-0
Nov. 7	at San Diego State	W	55-12
Nov. 14	Utah	W	55-28
Nov. 21	at Wyoming	W	45-10
Nov. 28	New Mexico	W	51-10
Jan. 4	# Boise State	L	10-17
	# Fiesta Bowl		

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	38.3 ppg	1	5
Rushing	239.5 ypg	2	5
Passing	217.2 ypg	5	59
Total	456.7 ypg	1	7
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	12.8 ppg	1	6
Rushing	80.2 ypg	1	3
Passing	159.5 ypg	2	6
Total	239.7 ypg	1	1
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
+2	+0.15	4	51

HEAD COACH: GARY PATTERSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 85-28 (10 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 85-28 (10 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: JARRETT ANDERSON, JUSTIN FUENTE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DICK BUMPAS



**UNLV**

LAS VEGAS, NEV. SAM BOYD STADIUM (39,100)

**REBELS**

NATIONAL FORECAST

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MWC PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The Rebels have a new head coach this season in Bobby Hauck, but they will continue to implement parts of deposed coach Mike Sanford's spread offense in 2010, mainly out of necessity due to the personnel. In time, they will try to transition to a more physical and balanced offensive attack.

Seven starters return on offense, including senior quarterback Omar Clayton. Also back is Clayton's backup, junior Mike Clausen, who also has started in the past. However, neither is a prototype pocket passer.

Still, there's plenty to work with. The line, led by senior tackle Matt Murphy and center John Gianninoto, returns four starters. Junior wide receivers Phillip Payne (14 career touchdowns) and Michael Johnson are playmakers.

**115**

UNLV ranked 115th in the nation in total defense last season. The Rebels allowed an average of 456.2 yards per game and gave up 778 total yards in a 63-28 loss at Nevada.

**DEFENSE** New defensive coordinator Kraig Paulson will run a 4-3 base defense that figures to be led by a strong and veteran linebacking corps. Senior middle linebacker Ronnie Paulo, senior weak-side linebacker Starr Fuimaono and junior weak-side linebacker Nate Carter combined for 168 tackles and 8.5 tackles for a loss last season. Junior playmaker Beau Orth and senior Calvin Randleman are battling for the starting strong-side spot.

The line will be anchored by NFL prospect Isaako Aaitui (6'3", 300) and senior Ramsey Feagai (6'2", 340) at tackle, but this unit must improve dramatically on the perimeter. The Rebels, who managed only 15 sacks a year ago and were pitiful at times against the run, are hoping for big things from 2008 junior college All-America defensive end B.J. Bell, who sat out most of last season with a shoulder injury.

The secondary, which managed only four interceptions, returns two full-time starters, including senior corner Quinton Pointer.

**SPECIALISTS** The graduation of Kyle Watson left the Rebels searching for replacements at both punter and kicker. Senior Ben Jaekle, who handled kickoff duties, is the front-runner for the placement duties, but there was no clear-cut leader for the punting job coming out of spring practice. Expect highly touted freshman Nolan Kohorst to get a strong look at both spots in the fall.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** With warm weather, solid facilities, lots of fancy hotels and a close proximity to such fertile recruiting areas as Southern California and Arizona, UNLV has long been considered a sleeping giant. Instead, it has proven to be something of a coaching graveyard. Just ask Wayne Nunnely, Jim Strong, Jeff Horton, John Robinson and Sanford, the last five Rebel head coaches. Only Robinson, recently elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, and Horton managed to guide UNLV to a bowl game. None of them departed with a winning record.

Enter Hauck, 46, who compiled an 80-17 record and three trips to the FCS Championship Game in seven seasons at Montana, including a 14-1 mark in 2009. Hauck, a protégé of current UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel, brought offensive coordinator Rob Phenicie and the majority of his coaching staff with him from Montana.

With 12 returning starters and two veteran quarterbacks back from a 5-7 squad, the Rebels would normally be considered a strong candidate to make a run at a long-overdue bowl game. But this is a transition year for Hauck, who also must contend with a 13-game schedule that features nine opponents that played in bowl games a year ago. The Rebels will be hard-pressed to hit the five-win total for a third straight season.

**OMAR CLAYTON****THE QUOTE**

"I was surprised UNLV didn't win more games last year. Their talent level is better than anybody knows. I think they're the third-fastest team in the league, behind TCU and Utah."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

**OFFENSE (7)**

WR	4 Phillip Payne (Jr.)	18 Marcus Sullivan (Fr.)
WR	7 Michael Johnson (Jr.)	Kurt Davis (Fr.)
LT	75 Matt Murphy (Sr.)	71 Shane Watterson (So.)
LG	63 Sean Tesoro (Fr.)	70 Jason Heath (So.)
C	66 John Gianninoto (Sr.)	50 Andrew Mack (So.)
RG	64 Doug Zismann (So.)	51 Daniel Kaanana (Fr.)
RT	73 Evan Marchal (Sr.)	77 Yusef Rodgers (So.)
TE	89 Austin Harrington (Jr.)	Anthony Vidal (Jr.)
QB	2 Omar Clayton (Sr.)	6 Mike Clausen (Sr.)
FB	41 Jordan Barrett (So.)	58 David Blair (So.)
RB	3 C.J. Cox (Jr.)	28 Bradley Randle (Fr.)

**DEFENSE (5)**

DE	92 B.J. Bell (Jr.)	47 Daniel Mareko (Sr.)
DT	99 Isaako Aaitui (Sr.)	Desmond Tautofi (Fr.)
DT	65 Ramsey Feagai (Sr.)	68 Nate Holloway (Fr.)
DE	91 Preston Brooks (Sr.)	48 Beau Brence (So.)
WLB	24 Starr Fuimaono (Sr.)	55 Nate Carter (Jr.)
MLB	56 Ronnie Paulo (Sr.)	52 Travis Trickey (So.)
SLB	40 Beau Orth (Jr.)	38 Calvin Randleman (Sr.)
CB	1 Will Chandler (Jr.)	23 Sidney Hodge (Fr.)
CB	10 Quinton Pointer (Sr.)	26 Deante Purvis (Jr.)
SS	22 Alex De Giacomo (Sr.)	15 John Therrell (Fr.)
FS	25 Mike Grant (Sr.)	14 Courtney Bridget (Fr.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	39 Ben Jaekle (Sr.)	KR 26 Deante Purvis (Jr.)
P	Nolan Kohorst (Fr.)	PR 7 Michael Johnson (Jr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Omar Clayton, 326-196-2,230-12, 13 TDs

Rushing: Channing Trotter, 114 car., 541 yds., 9 TDs

Receiving: Phillip Payne, 58 rec., 661 yds., 7 TDs

Tackles: Starr Fuimaono, 67, 33 solo

Sacks: Heivaha Mafi, 2

Interceptions: Three players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 4	Wisconsin
Sept. 11	at Utah
Sept. 18	at Idaho
Sept. 25	New Mexico
Oct. 2	Nevada
Oct. 9	at West Virginia
Oct. 16	at Colorado State
Oct. 30	TCU
Nov. 6	at BYU
Nov. 13	Wyoming
Nov. 18	Air Force
Nov. 27	at San Diego State
Dec. 4	at Hawaii

**2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)**

Sept. 5	Sacramento State	W	38-3
Sept. 12	Oregon State	L	21-23
Sept. 19	Hawaii	W	34-33
Sept. 26	at Wyoming	L	27-30
Oct. 3	at Nevada	L	28-63
Oct. 10	BYU	L	21-59
Oct. 17	Utah	L	15-35
Oct. 24	at New Mexico	W	34-17
Oct. 31	at TCU	L	0-41
Nov. 7	Colorado State	W	35-16
Nov. 14	at Air Force	L	17-45
Nov. 28	San Diego State	W	28-24

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.8 ppg	5	77
Rushing	126.8 ypg	7	86
Passing	224.4 ypg	4	50
Total	351.3 ypg	5	78
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	32.4 ppg	8	103
Rushing	220.6 ypg	9	112
Passing	235.6 ypg	7	86
Total	456.2 ypg	9	115
TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
-3	-0.25	7	77

**HEAD COACH:** BOBBY HAUCK **RECORD AT SCHOOL:** FIRST SEASON **CAREER RECORD:** 80-17 (7 YEARS)

**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** ROB PHENICIE **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** KRAIG PAULSON





# UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH RICE-ECCLES (45,017)

## UTES

**OFFENSE** Utah was 6-1 and ranked in the top 20 when coach Kyle Whittingham replaced his starting quarterback, deciding it was time to launch Jordan Wynn's career. The result was a head start on the 2010 season, with an established, more mature quarterback.

Wynn lost two of his five starts, to nationally ranked TCU and BYU, but became the Poinsettia Bowl MVP by passing for 338 yards in a victory over California. More will be expected from him as the leader of an offense that ranked No. 3 in the Mountain West with a 389.5-yard average.

Wynn will operate behind an offensive line that returns four starters, led by guard Caleb Schlauderaff and center Zane Taylor. The Utes are loaded at running back, with Eddie Wide having gained most of his 1,069 yards in the last 10 games after Matt Asiata sustained a season-ending injury. Wide had a midseason stretch of 100-plus yards in six straight games, and he also had 114 against BYU. Asiata, who averaging 101 yards through three games, was granted a sixth year of eligibility.

# 9.9

The Utes have averaged 9.9 wins over the past seven seasons and have won 10 games or more four times during that stretch.

Jereme Brooks is the top returning receiver with 56 catches, but no other returning wideout had more than 13 receptions. Shaky Smithson, who functioned more as a running back, should become a nice complement to Brooks.

Utah has barely involved tight ends in the passing game in recent years, but Kendrick Moeai showed a new dimension with two touchdown receptions in the Poinsettia Bowl.

**DEFENSE** A Utah defense known for its outstanding playmakers will have to be rebuilt without end Koa Misi, linebacker Stevenson

Sylvester and safety Robert Johnson. Yet little dropoff is expected from a unit that ranked third in the conference in total defense, allowing 313.9 yards per game. Whittingham is concerned about inexperience in the secondary, but he is less worried about replacing all three starting linebackers.

Up front, Utah will remain solid with the return of Derrick Shelby, Seaver Siliga and Dave Kruger, joined by junior college transfer James Aiono.

The linebacking corps was hurt when Nai Fotu was lost to a knee injury early in spring drills, but former quarterback Chad Manis and other players are capable of continuing Utah's strong tradition.

In the secondary, Brandon Burton and former nickelback Lamar Chapman are capable corners, playing in a high-pressure, man-to-man scheme that demands a lot of them.

**SPECIALISTS** The Utes wondered how they would ever replace All-America kicker/punter Louie Sakoda in 2009, but Joe Phillips and Sean Sellwood proved to be more than adequate. Phillips made 20-of-22 field goal attempts, including five against BYU. Sellwood averaged 42.9 yards per punt. Smithson is a dependable returner of both punts and kickoffs, where he's joined by DeVonte Christopher.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Having won 10 games and extended its bowl streak to nine victories (over 12 years) in basically a rebuilding year, the Utes are confident they can contend for the Mountain West title. It helps that they have TCU and BYU at home, as they did during the unbeaten season of 2008.

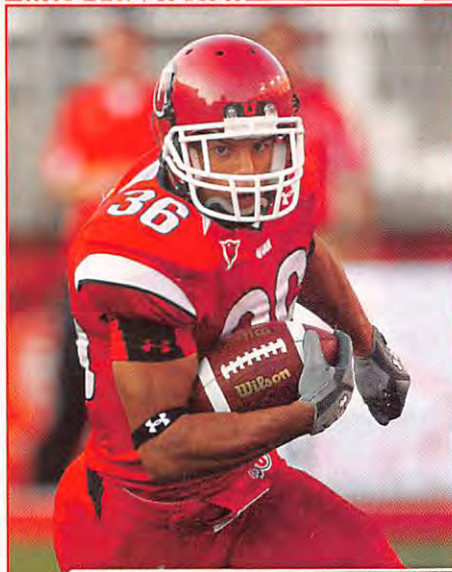
Other than a difficult opener with Pittsburgh, a favorable schedule will give Utah's inexperienced receivers and secondary time to develop before taking on bigger challenges. By the time TCU comes to Salt Lake City in November, the Utes should be well positioned for the stretch run.

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EDDIE WIDE

### THE QUOTE

"They're loaded. Last year, they had some things happen to them that kept them from having — and this sounds crazy because they won 10 games — a great year."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR 11 Luke Matthews (So.)	87 Sean Fitzgerald (Fr.)
WR 85 Jereme Brooks (Sr.)	8 Fatu Moala (Fr.)
WR 1 Shaky Smithson (Sr.)	16 Griffin McNabb (Fr.)
LT 79 Percy Taumoeaia (Fr.)	John Cullen (Jr.)
LG 72 Caleb Schlauderaff (Sr.)	71 Walter Watts (Sr.)
C 77 Zane Taylor (Sr.)	64 Vyncent Jones (Fr.)
RG 54 Tevita Stevens (So.)	74 Sam Brenner (So.)
RT 70 Tony Bergstrom (Jr.)	56 Kapua Sai (Fr.)
TE 81 Kendrick Moeai (So.)	84 Brad Clifford (Sr.)
QB 3 Jordan Wynn (So.)	7 Terrance Cain (Sr.)
RB 36 Eddie Wide (Sr.)	4 Matt Asiata (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (3)

LE 94 Christian Cox (Sr.)	90 Derrick Shelby (Jr.)
DT 98 Seaver Siliga (Jr.)	55 Neil A'asa (Sr.)
DT 44 Dave Kruger (So.)	91 James Aiono (Jr.)
RE 43 Lei Talamaiavao (Jr.)	96 Junior Tui'one (Sr.)
RLB 13 J.J. Williams (Jr.)	51 Jamel King (Jr.)
MLB 32 Chaz Walker (Jr.)	52 Matt Martinez (Jr.)
SLB 18 Chad Manis (Sr.)	V.J. Fehoko (Fr.)
CB 27 Brandon Burton (Jr.)	9 Conroy Black (Jr.)
CB 21 Lamar Chapman (Sr.)	6 Kameron Yancy (Sr.)
SS 33 Justin Taplin-Ross (Sr.)	19 Bryce Bennion (So.)
FS 35 Greg Bird (Jr.)	5 Damian Payne (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 39 Joe Phillips (Sr.)	KR 1 Shaky Smithson (Sr.)
P 86 Sean Sellwood (So.)	PR 1 Shaky Smithson (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Terrance Cain, 215-137-1,624-5, 11 TDs

Rushing: Eddie Wide, 203 car., 1,069 yds., 12 TDs

Receiving: Jereme Brooks, 56 rec., 696 yds., 7 TDs

Tackles: Seaver Siliga, 49, 15 solo

Sacks: Christian Cox, 5.5

Interceptions: Lamar Chapman, 2 for 3 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Pittsburgh
Sept. 11	UNLV
Sept. 18	at New Mexico
Sept. 25	San Jose State
Oct. 9	at Iowa State
Oct. 16	at Wyoming
Oct. 23	Colorado State
Oct. 30	at Air Force
Nov. 6	TCU
Nov. 13	at Notre Dame
Nov. 20	at San Diego State
Nov. 27	BYU

### 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 6-2)

Sept. 3	Utah State	W	35-17
Sept. 12	at San Jose State	W	24-14
Sept. 19	at Oregon	L	24-31
Sept. 26	Louisville	W	30-14
Oct. 10	at Colorado State	W	24-17
Oct. 17	at UNLV	W	35-15
Oct. 24	Air Force	W (ot)	23-16
Oct. 31	Wyoming	W	22-10
Nov. 7	New Mexico	W	45-14
Nov. 14	at TCU	L	28-55
Nov. 21	San Diego State	W	38-7
Nov. 28	at BYU	L (ot)	23-26
Dec. 23	#California	W	37-27
	#Poinsettia Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.9 ppg	3	34
Rushing	160.3 ypg	3	48
Passing	229.2 ypg	3	44
Total	389.5 ypg	3	54
Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	20.2 ppg	3	23
Rushing	137.9 ypg	4	54
Passing	176.0 ypg	3	16
Total	313.9 ypg	3	19
TD Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
+5	+0.38	3	31

HEAD COACH: KYLE WHITTINGHAM RECORD AT SCHOOL: 47-17 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 47-17 (5 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: AARON RODERICK, DAVE SCHRAMM DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KALANI SITAKE





# WYOMING

LARAMIE, WYO. WAR MEMORIAL (30,514)

## COWBOYS

**OFFENSE** The Mountain West got a taste of Dave Christensen's offense as he led Wyoming to a surprising 7-6 season and victory in the New Mexico Bowl. But the league will get a much better feel for his entire spread system in the coach's second year.

"We're definitely going to get the full effect," sophomore quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels says. "We'll really air the football out."

Carta-Samuels exploded onto the scene last year, earning the starting gig as a true freshman after only three games and parlaying that opportunity into the league's Freshman of the Year award.

Despite his success, only one Cowboys receiver — David Leonard, a senior this year — had more than 315 receiving yards. In 2010, the dual-threat quarterback has more weapons, thanks to the addition of junior college receivers Mazi Ogbonna and DeJay Lester.

But whether Christensen's offense reaches its full potential will likely hinge on the play of the line. UW ranked near the bottom of the barrel in sacks allowed in 2009. The Cowboys also must prove they can score against the conference's elite teams. They went without an offensive touchdown in five of their six losses a year ago.

Wyoming ranked second-to-last in turnover margin in 2008 (-1.83) but made a big improvement in '09, finishing at +0.62 — a difference of 2.45 turnovers per game.

# 2.45

**DEFENSE** Spring camp saw a complete overhaul of Wyoming's defensive scheme. The coaching staff worked to switch from a 3-4 base look to a 4-3 that is based on Iowa's scheme.

The transition involved a position switch for starting linebackers Gabe Knapton and Josh Biezuns as they scooted up to defensive

end. That move shored up some depth issues that were left when the Cowboys' top four defensive linemen graduated. UW will also look for help there from a pair of junior college teammates.

With Knapton and Biezuns up front, the Cowboys had to fill their spots at linebacker. They did so with a variety of speedy athletes such as sophomore Ghaali Muhammad, a special teams stud last year.

But the strength of the unit continues to be the secondary. "Our back seven's going to be as quick and fast as probably any group in the country," Christensen says.

The Cowboys return all four starters in their secondary, including three-year starters (and brothers) Marcell Gipson and Tashaun Gipson at cornerback and Chris Prosinski at safety. Their jobs won't change much in the new scheme, which was installed to help the Cowboys become more gap-sound.

**SPECIALISTS** The Cowboys started almost as many true freshmen as any program in the country in 2009, but the biggest surprise of them all might have been kicker Ian Watts. The walk-on, whose father got him the tryout by e-mailing video clips to a variety of college coaching staffs, wound up with three game-winning kicks. Punter Austin McCoy returns and was as solid as any punter in the Mountain West. The Cowboys' return game could be beefed up with the influx of speed.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Nobody expected a bowl berth in Christensen's first year, but the Cowboys earned one after adapting to their coach's no-nonsense attitude and pulling off five fourth-quarter comebacks.

The challenge now will be sustaining that success in Laramie.

The Pokes are bigger, faster and stronger than they were a year ago, but a brutal schedule might prevent them from increasing their win total in 2010.

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AUSTYN CARTA-SAMUELS

### THE QUOTE

"The quarterback has intangibles — I don't know what they are. He gets in there and doesn't look good doing it, but somehow they move the ball."

— An opposing MWC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	33 David Leonard (Sr.)	3 Travis Burkhalter (Sr.)
WR	2 Mazi Ogbonna (Jr.)	83 T.J. Smith (Fr.)
WR	89 Zach Bolger (Sr.)	14 David Tooley (So.)
WR	80 Chris McNeill (So.)	1 DeJay Lester (Jr.)
LT	72 Clayton Kirven (Jr.)	78 Thomas Vonashek (Fr.)
LG	75 Sam Sterner (Sr.)	70 Skyler Hinton (Fr.)
C	60 Nick Carlson (So.)	70 Skyler Hinton (Fr.)
RG	57 Jack Tennant (Sr.)	64 Travis Hillen (Jr.)
RT	76 Josh Leonard (So.)	69 John Hutchins (Jr.)
QB	5 Austyn Carta-Samuels (So.)	11 Emory Miller Jr. (Fr.)
RB	32 Alvester Alexander (So.)	20 Nehemie Kankolongo (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	44 Josh Biezuns (Jr.)	85 Mark Willis (Fr.)
DT	97 Alex Stover (Jr.)	96 B.J. Sumter (Jr.)
DT	50 Mike Purcell (So.)	98 Kurt Taufa'asau (Jr.)
DE	52 Gabe Knapton (Jr.)	34 Matt Birkeness (So.)
OLB	43 Devyn Harris (Fr.)	17 Keith Lewis (Sr.)
ILB	8 Brian Hendricks (Jr.)	6 Alex Toney (Sr.)
OLB	23 Ghaali Muhammad (So.)	27 Todd Knight (Fr.)
CB	2 Marcell Gipson (Sr.)	14 Marqueston Huff (Fr.)
CB	4 Tashaun Gipson (Jr.)	16 Kenny Browder (So.)
SS	7 Shamiel Gary (So.)	29 Luke Ruff (So.)
FS	24 Chris Prosinski (Sr.)	36 Eric Mitchell (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	51 Ian Watts (So.)	KR	2 Marcell Gipson (Sr.)
P	28 Austin McCoy (Jr.)	PR	33 David Leonard (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Austyn Carta-Samuels, 326-191-1,953-5, 10 TDs

Rushing: Alvester Alexander, 136 car., 640 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: David Leonard, 77 rec., 705 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Chris Prosinski, 140, 71 solo

Sacks: Josh Biezuns, 3.5

Interceptions: Shamiel Gary, 3 for 4 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Southern Utah
Sept. 11	at Texas
Sept. 18	Boise State
Sept. 25	Air Force
Oct. 2	at Toledo
Oct. 9	at TCU
Oct. 16	Utah
Oct. 23	at BYU
Oct. 30	San Diego State
Nov. 6	at New Mexico
Nov. 13	at UNLV
Nov. 20	Colorado State

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 2-4)

Sept. 5	Weber State	W	29-22
Sept. 12	Texas	L	10-41
Sept. 19	at Colorado	L	0-24
Sept. 26	UNLV	W	30-27
Oct. 3	at Florida Atlantic	W	30-28
Oct. 10	New Mexico	W	37-13
Oct. 17	at Air Force	L	0-10
Oct. 31	at Utah	L	10-22
Nov. 7	BYU	L	0-52
Nov. 14	at San Diego State	W	30-27
Nov. 21	TCU	L	10-45
Nov. 27	at Colorado State	W	17-16
Dec. 19	#Fresno State	W (2ot)	35-28
	#New Mexico Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	18.3 ppg	8	109
Rushing	136.2 ypg	6	74
Passing	173.2 ypg	8	104
Total	309.4 ypg	9	107

Defense	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
Scoring	27.3 ppg	5	73
Rushing	172.5 ypg	8	93
Passing	220.8 ypg	6	65
Total	393.3 ypg	7	81

TO Margin	Per Game	MWC	Nat'l
+8	+0.62	2	17

HEAD COACH: DAVE CHRISTENSEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 7-6 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 7-6 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARCUS ARROYO DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARTY ENGLISH





# PAC-10



Ronald Johnson

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

		PAC-10	OVERALL
	1. USC	12-1	8-1
	2. OREGON	10-2	7-2
	3. OREGON STATE	8-4	6-3
	4. STANFORD	8-4	5-4
	5. ARIZONA	7-5	5-4
	6. WASHINGTON	7-5	5-4
	7. CALIFORNIA	7-5	4-5
	8. UCLA	5-7	2-7
	9. ARIZONA STATE	4-8	2-7
	10. WASHINGTON STATE	1-11	0-9

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ARIZONA	4	5	4	5	5	10	3
ARIZONA STATE	9	9	9	9	2	4	6
CALIFORNIA	6	4	7	6	7	3	8
OREGON	5	1	8	3	4	2	1
OREGON STATE	7	2	3	4	3	8	7
STANFORD	3	7	5	1	6	6	9
UCLA	8	8	6	8	8	5	4
USC	2	3	2	2	1	1	2
WASHINGTON	1	6	1	7	9	7	5
WASHINGTON STATE	10	10	10	10	10	9	10

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Jake Locker	6'3"	226	Sr.	Washington
RB	LaMichael James	5'9"	180	So.	Oregon
RB	Jacquizz Rodgers	5'7"	188	Jr.	Oregon State
WR	Ronald Johnson	6'0"	190	Sr.	USC
WR	James Rodgers	5'7"	188	Sr.	Oregon State
TE	Kavario Middleton	6'5"	253	Jr.	Washington
C	Kristofer O'Dowd	6'5"	300	Sr.	USC
OL	David DeCastro	6'5"	313	So.	Stanford
OL	Adam Grant	6'6"	325	Sr.	Arizona
OL	Michael Philipp	6'3"	307	So.	Oregon State
OL	Tyron Smith	6'6"	285	Jr.	USC

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Jurrell Casey	6'1"	295	Jr.	USC
DL	Ricky Elmore	6'5"	250	Sr.	Arizona
DL	Lawrence Guy	6'5"	300	Jr.	Arizona State
DL	Stephen Paea	6'1"	311	Sr.	Oregon State
LB	Akeem Ayers	6'4"	254	Jr.	UCLA
LB	Vontaze Burfict	6'3"	245	So.	Arizona State
LB	Mike Mohamed	6'3"	238	Sr.	California
CB	Trevin Wade	5'11"	182	Jr.	Arizona
CB	Shareece Wright	6'0"	185	Sr.	USC
S	John Boyett	5'10"	190	So.	Oregon
S	Rahim Moore	6'1"	195	Jr.	UCLA

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Kai Forbath	6'0"	195	Sr.	UCLA
P	Bryan Anger	6'4"	201	Jr.	California
KR	Chris Owusu	6'2"	202	Jr.	Stanford
PR	William Wright	5'9"	175	Jr.	Arizona

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Matt Barkley	6'2"	230	So.	USC
RB	Allen Bradford	5'11"	235	Sr.	USC
RB	Shane Vereen	5'10"	199	Jr.	California
WR	Jermaine Kearse	6'2"	198	Jr.	Washington
WR	Ryan Whalen	6'2"	207	Sr.	Stanford
TE	Joe Halahuni	6'2"	252	Jr.	Oregon State
C	Colin Baxter	6'4"	295	Sr.	Arizona
OL	Butch Lewis	6'5"	285	Sr.	USC
OL	Jonathan Martin	6'6"	301	So.	Stanford
OL	Mitchell Schwartz	6'6"	331	Jr.	California
OL	Bo Thran	6'5"	295	Sr.	Oregon

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Brandon Bair	6'7"	266	Sr.	Oregon
DL	Cameron Jordan	6'4"	282	Sr.	California
DL	Kenny Rowe	6'3"	232	Sr.	Oregon
DL	Nick Perry	6'3"	250	So.	USC
LB	Mason Foster	6'2"	244	Sr.	Washington
LB	Devon Kennard	6'3"	255	So.	USC
LB	Casey Matthews	6'2"	235	Sr.	Oregon
CB	James Dockery	6'1"	176	Sr.	Oregon State
CB	Desmond Trufant	6'0"	172	So.	Washington
S	Delano Howell	5'11"	198	Jr.	Stanford
S	Lance Mitchell	6'2"	207	Jr.	Oregon State

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Justin Kahut	5'8"	178	Sr.	Oregon State
P	Jeff Locke	6'1"	208	So.	UCLA
KR	Kenjon Barner	5'11"	180	So.	Oregon
PR	James Rodgers	5'7"	188	Sr.	Oregon State

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TUCSON, ARIZ. ARIZONA STADIUM (57,400)

**OFFENSE** Arizona's offense, which averaged 29.7 points and 407.5 yards in the regular season, returns virtually intact. In 10 starts after transferring from Michigan State, quarterback Nick Foles threw for 2,486 yards and took the job away from Matt Scott, although they could share the position at times in 2010. Scott is a runner; Foles is a pocket passer.

The Wildcats believe they've got one of the more productive running back situations in the Pac-10. Senior Nic Grigsby and junior Keola Antolin both have gained more than 1,000 yards in their careers. Grigsby is an elusive outside runner, while Antolin is a short-burst, explosive inside runner.

Five of Arizona's six leading receivers return, including junior Juron Criner, who is described by coach Mike Stoops as "a star-level player." Criner caught 45 passes last year.

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Arizona has enjoyed two straight winning seasons for the first time since the late 1990s when Dick Tomey was running the show in Tucson.

Two second-team All-Pac-10 performers, senior center Colin Baxter and senior left tackle Adam Grant, are among Arizona's most significant players for what is viewed as a strength of the club. The entire offensive line is an experienced group.

**DEFENSE** The defense returns six players who have started. Senior defensive ends Brooks Reed and Ricky Elmore were Arizona's sack leaders in 2008 and '09, respectively. Both are hustling, overachieving types who have produced under pressure. Two more ends, D'Aundre Reed and Apaia Tuihalamaka, will be used in a hybrid Cheetah defense, lined up as tackles, in an attempt to get more speed on the field.

The most vulnerable part of Arizona's defense is at linebacker; the Wildcats are replacing all

three starters from 2009. No one appeared to win a starting role in spring drills. Undersized sophomore Jake Fischer could be the leader of the group.

Defensive backs Trevin Wade and Robert Golden are potential stars, but the question is, at what position? Golden started at strong safety last year and Wade at cornerback, but Stoops has experimented by moving them periodically to safety. Expect both on the field at all times. The Wildcats are blessed with six more capable defensive backs, including sophomore Adam Hall and seniors Joe Perkins and Marcus Benjamin. Freshman safety Marquis Flowers, the UA's most highly rated recruit, is expected to get immediate playing time.

**SPECIALISTS** In 2007-08, punter Keenyn Crier was all-conference timber. But he was inconsistent during his junior season and is attempting to return to form. Placekicker Alex Zendejas made 17-of-22 attempts, but his range is not overly impressive. Punt returner Bug Wright is possibly the most feared return man in the Pac-10, and kickoff return specialist Travis Cobb developed into a threat. Both returned kicks for a touchdown last year.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Stoops begins his seventh year at Arizona with new coordinators on offense and defense, an unexpected transition that he says reflects favorably on the Wildcats' first back-to-back bowl appearances since 1997-98.

"We're deeper and faster than we've ever been," he says. "We beat USC and finished second in the Pac-10. It's a sign that we've been doing things the right way. It attracts positive attention."

To match or top last year's total of eight wins, Foles needs to repeat his 2009 production and the Wildcats need to identify some playmakers at linebacker. The rest of the club, barring injuries, is established.

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PAC-10 PREDICTION

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NICK FOLES

### THE QUOTE

"They lost a ton of players on defense, which is never a good thing when you're changing schemes. Arizona will score a lot of points this season, but I'm not sure it will be able to stop many teams."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	82 Juron Criner (Jr.)	6 Travis Cobb (Sr.)
WR	19 Bug Wright (Jr.)	81 David Roberts (Jr.)
FL	18 Delashaun Dean (Sr.)	85 David Douglas (Jr.)
LT	78 Adam Grant (Sr.)	77 Jack Julsing (Jr.)
LG	55 Conan Amituanai (Sr.)	69 Eric Bender-Ramsay (Fr.)
C	64 Colin Baxter (Sr.)	76 Kyle Quinn (So.)
RG	70 Vaughn Dotsy (Jr.)	72 Trace Biskin (So.)
RT	67 Phillip Garcia (Sr.)	Trent Spurgeon (Fr.)
TE	88 A.J. Simmons (Sr.)	31 Taimi Tutogi (So.)
QB	8 Nick Foles (Jr.)	4 Matt Scott (Jr.)
RB	5 Nic Grigsby (Sr.)	2 Keola Antolin (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	44 Ricky Elmore (Sr.)	83 D'Aundre Reed (Sr.)
DT	93 Jonathan Hollins (Jr.)	92 Dominique Austin (Jr.)
DT	94 Lolomana Mikaele (Sr.)	95 Jowyn Ward (Jr.)
DE	42 Brooks Reed (Sr.)	58 Apaia Tuihalamaka (Jr.)
LB	33 Jake Fischer (So.)	13 Cordarius Golston (Fr.)
LB	10 Trevor Erno (Fr.)	40 Derek Earls (Jr.)
LB	41 Paul Vassallo (Jr.)	54 C.J. Parish (Sr.)
CB	24 Trevin Wade (Jr.)	2 Mike Turner (Sr.)
CB	1 Robert Golden (Jr.)	7 Marcus Benjamin (Sr.)
SS	9 Joe Perkins (Sr.)	12 Adam Hall (So.)
FS	Marquis Flowers (Fr.)	3 Anthony Wilcox (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	14 Alex Zendejas (Jr.)	KR	6 Travis Cobb (Sr.)
P	47 Keenyn Crier (Sr.)	PR	19 Bug Wright (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nick Foles, 410-260-2,486-9, 19 TDs  
Rushing: Keola Antolin, 114 car., 637 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: Juron Criner, 45 rec., 582 yds., 9 TDs  
Tackles: Trevin Wade, 71, 53 solo  
Sacks: Ricky Elmore, 10.5

Interceptions: Trevin Wade, 5 for 40 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	at Toledo
Sept. 11	Citadel
Sept. 18	Iowa
Sept. 25	California
Oct. 9	Oregon State
Oct. 16	at Washington State
Oct. 23	Washington
Oct. 30	at UCLA
Nov. 6	at Stanford
Nov. 13	USC
Nov. 26	at Oregon
Dec. 2	Arizona State

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-3)

Sept. 5	Central Michigan	W	19-6
Sept. 12	Northern Arizona	W	34-17
Sept. 19	at Iowa	L	17-27
Sept. 26	at Oregon State	W	37-32
Oct. 10	at Washington	L	33-36
Oct. 17	Stanford	W	43-38
Oct. 24	UCLA	W	27-13
Nov. 7	Washington State	W	48-7
Nov. 14	at California	L	16-24
Nov. 21	Oregon	L (2ot)	41-44
Nov. 28	at Arizona State	W	20-17
Dec. 5	at USC	W	21-17
Dec. 30	#Nebraska	L	0-33
	#Holiday Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	27.4 ppg	5	61
Rushing	159.4 ypg	5	52
Passing	225.2 ypg	3	48
Total	384.5 ypg	6	58
Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	23.9 ppg	5	53
Rushing	120.5 ypg	4	29
Passing	201.5 ypg	3	33
Total	322.0 ypg	2	25
TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
-1	-0.08	8	68

HEAD COACH: MIKE STOOPS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 33-39 (6 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 33-39 (6 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: BILL BEDENBAUGH, SETH LITTELL CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: GREG BROWN, TIM KISH





# ARIZONA STATE

## SUN DEVILS

TEMPE, ARIZ. SUN DEVIL STADIUM (71,706)

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PAC-10 PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** Let's see: Arizona State is coming off a season in which it averaged just 22.3 points per game (ranking eighth in the Pac-10), and it has to break in a new starting quarterback and running back, replace its three leading receivers and three offensive linemen. Yeah, there's not a lot of belief in Tempe that the Sun Devils will emerge from the south tunnel at Sun Devil Stadium this fall with a powerful offense.

If ASU has any hope of exceeding 2009's paltry output, it has to get some consistent play from its quarterback, something that's been missing the last couple of years. New offensive coordinator Noel Mazzone has installed a no-huddle attack, but the scheme won't matter if the quarterbacks don't produce.

Whoever wins the starting job — Michigan transfer Steven Threet and sophomore Brock Osweiler are expected to resume their battle in fall camp — will have to grow up in a hurry, because ASU can't rely on the talent around them.

The leading returning running back, sophomore Cameron Marshall, rushed for just 294 yards last season, the experienced receivers have been frustratingly inconsistent, and the offensive line has been a sore spot for years.

Other than that ...

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Arizona State has had two straight losing seasons for the first time since 1946-47. And the Sun Devils' 15 losses over the past two seasons are their most ever in a two-year period.

**DEFENSE** Fortunately for coach Dennis Erickson, the offense doesn't have to score a ton of points, because the defense could be special. ASU allowed only 297.6 yards per game last season (13th nationally) and led the Pac-10 in three key categories — total defense, pass defense and run defense.

The strength of the defense is the front

seven, which is big and quick. Tackle Lawrence Guy has the talent to be an All-America candidate by the end of the season, and middle linebacker Vontaze Burfict should only improve on his monster freshman year, when he established himself as one of the Pac-10's best defenders.

The Devils did lose defensive end Dexter Davis, who finished third in school history with 31 sacks, but look for a breakout season by sophomore end Greg Smith.

If there's a concern, it's the secondary. ASU doesn't have a shutdown cornerback, and it has to replace both of its safeties. But there's so much talent and depth up front that quarterbacks likely won't have time to pick on the defensive backs.

**SPECIALISTS** ASU's special teams could be among the best in the Pac-10. Placekicker Thomas Weber, who won the Lou Groza Award in 2007, is finally healthy after battling a hip injury much of last season, and sophomore running back/wide receiver Jamal Miles has the potential to be an explosive return man.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** After back-to-back losing seasons — ASU finished 4-8 in 2009 and 5-7 in 2008 — the heat is on Erickson. Athletic director Lisa Love has been an ardent supporter, but if the Sun Devils suffer a third straight losing season, Erickson's star in Tempe may permanently dim.

No one is expecting a Rose Bowl run from the Sun Devils — not with an offense that's starting over and a schedule that includes road games against Wisconsin, Oregon State, California, USC and arch-rival Arizona.

But ASU can't afford another year like 2009, when a boring offense turned off fans and the team lost its final six games. A 7-5 record won't have anyone in Tempe doing cartwheels, but it might be good enough to turn off the burner under the head coach.



VONTAZE BURFICT

### THE QUOTE

"(Dennis Erickson) just really seemed to lose momentum the last couple of seasons. He made a lot of changes to his coaching staff and they brought in a lot of junior college transfers, which is usually a sign of desperation."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (3)

WR	8 Gerell Robinson (Jr.)	13 George Bell (Jr.)
WR	16 Aaron Pflugrad (Jr.)	32 Jamal Miles (So.)
WR	5 Kerry Taylor (Sr.)	80 J.J. Holliday (Fr.)
LT	62 Evan Finkenberg (Fr.)	76 Patrick Jamison (So.)
LG	69 Kody Koebensky (Fr.)	70 Mike Marcisz (So.)
C	52 Garth Gerhart (Jr.)	72 Andrew Sampson (So.)
RG	75 Zach Schlink (So.)	77 Adam Tello (Jr.)
RT	71 Brice Schwab (Jr.)	76 Patrick Jamison (So.)
TE	89 Dan Knapp (Jr.)	45 Trevor Kohl (Jr.)
QB	14 Steven Threet (Jr.)	17 Brock Osweiler (So.)
RB	26 Cameron Marshall (So.)	22 James Morrison (So.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	34 James Brooks (Jr.)	92 Jamaar Jarrett (Jr.)
DT	50 Lawrence Guy (Jr.)	90 William Sutton (So.)
DT	77 Saia Falahola (Sr.)	61 Bo Moos (Jr.)
DE	17 Greg Smith (So.)	46 Dean DeLeone (Sr.)
OLB	13 Shelly Lyons (Jr.)	21 Colin Parker (Jr.)
MLB	7 Vontaze Burfict (So.)	47 Gerald Munns (Sr.)
OLB	48 Brandon Magee (Jr.)	18 Oliver Aaron (Jr.)
CB	3 Omar Bolden (Jr.)	19 Osahon Irabor (Fr.)
CB	1 Deveron Carr (So.)	23 Josh Jordan (Jr.)
SS	9 Clint Floyd (Jr.)	12 Matthew Tucker (Fr.)
FS	10 Keelan Johnson (So.)	6 Eddie Elder (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	28 Thomas Weber (Sr.)	KR	32 Jamal Miles (So.)
P	38 Trevor Hankins (Sr.)	PR	32 Jamal Miles (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Brock Osweiler, 55-24-249-2, 2 TDs  
Rushing: Cameron Marshall, 64 car., 294 yds., 2 TDs  
Receiving: Gerell Robinson, 26 rec., 261 yds., 0 TD  
Tackles: Vontaze Burfict, 69, 40 solo  
Sacks: Lawrence Guy, 4.5  
Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Portland State
Sept. 11	Northern Arizona
Sept. 18	at Wisconsin
Sept. 25	Oregon
Oct. 2	at Oregon State
Oct. 9	at Washington
Oct. 23	at California
Oct. 30	Washington State
Nov. 6	at USC
Nov. 13	Stanford
Nov. 26	UCLA
Dec. 2	at Arizona

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 2-7)

Sept. 5	Idaho State	W	50-3
Sept. 19	UL-Monroe	W	38-14
Sept. 26	at Georgia	L	17-20
Oct. 3	Oregon State	L	17-28
Oct. 10	at Washington State	W	27-14
Oct. 17	Washington	W	24-17
Oct. 24	at Stanford	L	14-33
Oct. 31	California	L	21-23
Nov. 7	USC	L	9-14
Nov. 14	at Oregon	L	21-44
Nov. 21	at UCLA	L	13-23
Nov. 28	Arizona	L	17-20

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	22.3 ppg	8	91
Rushing	119.3 ypg	8	93
Passing	215.2 ypg	7	62
Total	334.4 ypg	9	90
Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	21.1 ppg	2	26
Rushing	108.6 ypg	1	19
Passing	189.0 ypg	1	26
Total	297.6 ypg	1	13
TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
-2	-0.17	9	72

HEAD COACH: DENNIS ERICKSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 19-18 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 167-83-1 (21 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NOEL MAZZONE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CRAIG BRAY



BERKELEY, CALIF. MEMORIAL STADIUM (71,799)

## GOLDEN BEARS

**OFFENSE** As explosive as Jahvid Best was, Cal actually registered its two biggest wins of the season last year after he went down with a season-ending back injury. That's because the Bears don't lose much with Shane Vereen, and he now is the Bears' undisputed No. 1 tailback. Vereen led Cal with 952 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns last season despite starting only four games. He might be a step slower than Best, but he still has sprinter's speed and can run for tough yards.

The Bears' offense might look a lot like it has the past two seasons — a strong running game without a passing game to match it. Third-year starter Kevin Riley has generally played well but has also had a few forgettable games. But some of his problems haven't always been his fault.

The Bears are short on dependable and explosive receivers. Marvin Jones had a breakout year in 2009 with 43 catches, but Cal really couldn't count on anybody else. The Bears signed five receivers in their recruiting class, and a couple of them might have to play right away.

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California has finished the season ranked in the final Associated Press Top 25 zero times since 2006.

Cal returns four starters from a line that was inconsistent last season. Matt Summers-Gavin has moved from left guard to left tackle and is the leading candidate to replace All-Pac-10 honoree Mike Tepper. Other players are being shuffled around as well.

**DEFENSE** New defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast takes over a unit that ranked just 72nd nationally last season. The Bears have big holes to fill at linebacker and in the secondary.

Inside linebacker Mike Mohamed, a senior,

is one of the conference's top players. D.J. Holt was a part-time starter last season and was playing the other inside spot during the spring. But the Bears have five highly regarded linebackers in their recruiting class, and more than one of them could see playing time immediately.

Cal's secondary was a mess last season and is starting over. Gone is All-Pac-10 cornerback Syd'Quan Thompson, making both corner spots wide open. Safety Sean Cattouse moved into the starting lineup late in the season and should anchor the backfield. Senior Chris Conte is the leading candidate to play the other safety spot.

The Bears should be solid along the line, despite the loss of All-Pac-10 defensive end Tyson Alualu, a first-round NFL Draft pick. Cameron Jordan is a force at one end. Kendrick Payne had a monster spring at nose tackle. Incoming freshman Gabe King could also be in the mix.

**SPECIALISTS** Giorgio Tavecchio and Vince D'Amato shared time as Cal's kicker last season and were battling in the spring, with Tavecchio seemingly in the lead. Neither was particularly consistent last year. Bryan Anger is potentially one of the nation's best punters but took a slight step back from his phenomenal freshman season. Jeremy Ross is serviceable as a punt returner. Speedy sophomore Isi Sofele should replace Vereen as kick returner.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Expectations should be as low as they have been since 2003, when Jeff Tedford was entering his second year as coach and had yet to establish Cal as a force nationally. The Bears tied for sixth in the Pac-10 last season, and there is no reason to believe they will be better this year. That said, Cal struggled to live up to expectations in two of the past three years. Perhaps entering the season with less fanfare will be a good thing for the Bears.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	UC Davis
Sept. 11	Colorado
Sept. 17	at Nevada
Sept. 25	at Arizona
Oct. 9	UCLA
Oct. 16	at USC
Oct. 23	Arizona State
Oct. 30	at Oregon State
Nov. 6	at Washington State
Nov. 13	Oregon
Nov. 20	Stanford
Nov. 27	Washington

## 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-4)

Sept. 5	Maryland	W	52-13
Sept. 12	Eastern Washington	W	59-7
Sept. 19	at Minnesota	W	35-21
Sept. 26	at Oregon	L	3-42
Oct. 3	USC	L	3-30
Oct. 17	at UCLA	W	45-26
Oct. 24	Washington State	W	49-17
Oct. 31	at Arizona State	W	23-21
Nov. 7	Oregon State	L	14-31
Nov. 14	Arizona	W	24-16
Nov. 21	at Stanford	W	34-28
Dec. 5	at Washington	L	10-42
Dec. 23	#Utah	L	27-37
#Poinsettia Bowl			

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	29.1 ppg	4	47
Rushing	169.5 ypg	3	42
Passing	222.7 ypg	5	53
Total	392.2 ypg	4	49

Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	25.5 ppg	7	60
Rushing	112.0 ypg	2	23
Passing	266.9 ypg	9	111
Total	378.9 ypg	7	72

TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: JEFF TEDFORD RECORD AT SCHOOL: 67-35 (8 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 67-35 (8 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ANDY LUDWIG DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CLANCY PENDERGAST

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SHANE VEREEN

## THE QUOTE

"The Bears have really been a hard team to figure out. Jeff Tedford is as good as any coach in the league, but they seem to be getting less out of their talent the last couple of seasons."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

## OFFENSE (7)

WR	1 Marvin Jones (Jr.)	3 Jeremy Ross (Sr.)
WR	5 Alex Lagemann (Jr.)	11 Michael Calvin (Jr.)
LT	75 Matt Summers-Gavin (So.)	53 Donovan Edwards (Sr.)
LG	57 Brian Schwenke (So.)	73 Richard Fisher (Sr.)
C	54 Chris Guarnero (Sr.)	65 Dominic Galas (So.)
RG	61 Justin Cheadle (Jr.)	73 Richard Fisher (Sr.)
RT	72 Mitchell Schwartz (Jr.)	71 Sam DeMartinis (Jr.)
TE	80 Anthony Miller (Jr.)	45 Spencer Ladner (So.)
QB	13 Kevin Riley (Sr.)	9 Beau Sweeney (So.)
FB	22 Will Kapp (Jr.)	48 Eric Stevens (So.)
RB	34 Shane Vereen (Jr.)	33 Covaughin DeBoskie-Johnson (So.)

## DEFENSE (5)

DE	97 Cameron Jordan (Sr.)	95 Ernest Owusu (Jr.)
NT	96 Kendrick Payne (So.)	76 Derrick Hill (Sr.)
DE	92 Trevor Guyton (Jr.)	55 Mike Costanzo (Sr.)
OLB	4 Chris Little (So.)	13 Jarred Price (Sr.)
ILB	18 Mike Mohamed (Sr.)	42 Steven Fanua (Fr.)
ILB	3 D.J. Holt (Jr.)	37 Robert Mullins (So.)
OLB	30 Mychal Kendricks (Jr.)	Chris Martin (Fr.)
CB	15 Bryant Nnabuife (Sr.)	26 Darian Hagan (Sr.)
CB	1 Steve Williams (Fr.)	23 Josh Hill (So.)
S	11 Sean Cattouse (Jr.)	7 D.J. Campbell (Jr.)
S	17 Chris Conte (Sr.)	6 Alex Logan (Fr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	40 Giorgio Tavecchio (Jr.)	KR	20 Isi Sofele (So.)
P	19 Bryan Anger (Jr.)	PR	3 Jeremy Ross (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kevin Riley, 382-209-2,850-8, 18 TDs  
 Rushing: Shane Vereen, 183 car., 952 yds., 12 TDs  
 Receiving: Marvin Jones, 43 rec., 651 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Mike Mohamed, 112, 69 solo  
 Sacks: Cameron Jordan, 6

Interceptions: Mike Mohamed, 3 for 6 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



EUGENE, ORE. AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000)

## DUCKS

**OFFENSE** After the 2009 season ended with Oregon in the Rose Bowl, the Ducks were projected as a top-5 team for 2010. Quarterback Jeremiah Masoli and running back LaMichael James even earned some early Heisman Trophy buzz. All of that was undone over the winter, when Masoli was arrested for burglary and subsequently suspended for the upcoming season, and James got into a fight with an ex-girlfriend and drew a one-game suspension.

The Ducks return a wealth of talent on both sides of the ball, but the loss of Masoli and his punishing running style knocked Oregon's preseason ranking down a few notches.

The candidates to replace Masoli are fifth-year senior Nate Costa and Darron Thomas, an athletic but inexperienced sophomore. Costa is a rifle-armed veteran who has endured three knee surgeries, the most recent coming late in fall camp of 2008, costing him the starting job and opening the door for Masoli's emergence. Thomas is a big, confident player with good speed but an inconsistent arm.

on the outside the Ducks have two potential breakout stars in Josh Kaddu and Bo Lokombo.

Up front, Oregon will again be relatively undersized, characterized by 232-pound end Kenny Rowe, an athletic pass rusher. The Ducks will try to overcome a lack of beef with speed and technique, though true freshman Ricky Heimuli will provide ample size if he emerges early on.

Pleasant will bring speed and ferocious hitting to one safety spot, and leading tackler John Boyett mans the other after leading the Ducks in tackles as a redshirt freshman. Talmadge Jackson III is a steady veteran at one corner, and athletic sophomore Cliff Harris is expected to blossom on the other side.

**SPECIALISTS** Jackson Rice handled himself well at punter as a true freshman, and he is expected to develop into one of the best in the Pac-10. Oregon also has a budding young talent in Kenjon Barner to return punts and kicks. There's a hole at placekicker, however. Walk-on Rob Beard has a big leg but can be erratic, and he's suspended for the opener after an offseason fight. True freshman Alejandro Maldonado may have to handle the job when the Ducks open against New Mexico, and perhaps beyond.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** When a talented group of sophomores emerged at Oregon in 2008, fans already began to turn one eye to the 2010 season, and what might be in store for the group as seniors. National championship dreams don't often bloom in Eugene, but that was the thinking prior to all the offseason trouble the Ducks recently endured.

After the wave of problems, there are legitimate questions about leadership and team chemistry. Those would be damaging issues for the Ducks to overcome as they try to repeat as Pac-10 champions. Their schedule is backloaded, giving them a chance to find their footing early on, with a date at Tennessee on Sept. 11 looming as an early tone-setter.

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Quarterback Jeremiah Masoli averaged 5.5 yards per carry in 2009. That was key to keeping defenses off-balance and won't easily be replaced in 2010.

The new quarterback will at least have the luxury of playing behind a line that returns all five starters, and throwing to a veteran receiving corps. And once James sits out the opener against New Mexico, he'll be available to further ease pressure on the quarterback, after rushing for a Pac-10 freshman record of 1,546 yards last season.

**DEFENSE** The Ducks' premier unit is the linebacking corps, which is so deep that 11-game starter Eddie Pleasant has been moved to safety. Inside linebackers Spencer Paysinger and Casey Matthews are experienced veterans, and

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LaMICHAEL JAMES

### THE QUOTE

"Chip Kelly did a nice job in his first season, but he really has to drop the hammer in terms of discipline. If he doesn't, the program will get away from him quickly."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR 23 Jeff Maehl (Sr.)	85 Diante Jackson (Fr.)
WR 80 Lavasier Tuinei (Jr.)	81 Justin Hoffman (So.)
WR 10 D.J. Davis (Sr.)	4 Tyrece Gaines (Jr.)
LT 69 Bo Thran (Sr.)	74 Darrion Weems (Jr.)
LG 77 Carson York (So.)	70 Ramsen Golpashin (Jr.)
C 54 Jordan Holmes (Sr.)	64 Max Forer (Sr.)
RG 79 Mark Asper (Jr.)	60 Ryan Clanton (Jr.)
RT 68 C.E. Kaiser (Sr.)	61 Nick Cody (So.)
TE 42 David Paulson (Jr.)	87 Brandon Williams (Jr.)
QB 7 Nate Costa (Sr.)	1 Darron Thomas (So.)
RB 21 LaMichael James (So.)	24 Kenjon Barner (So.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE 45 Terrell Turner (Jr.)	96 Dion Jordan (So.)
DT 88 Brandon Bair (Sr.)	66 Taylor Hart (Fr.)
DT 99 Zac Clark (Sr.)	92 Wade Keliikipi (Fr.)
DE 58 Kenny Rowe (Sr.)	33 Tyrell Irvin (Sr.)
SLB 56 Josh Kaddu (Jr.)	25 Bo Lokombo (Fr.)
MLB 55 Casey Matthews (Sr.)	43 Bryson Littlejohn (Sr.)
WLB 35 Spencer Paysinger (Sr.)	46 Michael Clay (So.)
CB 37 Talmadge Jackson III (Sr.)	28 Scott Grady (So.)
CB 3 Cliff Harris (So.)	18 Anthony Gildon (Jr.)
S 20 John Boyett (So.)	14 Javes Lewis (Jr.)
S 11 Eddie Pleasant (Jr.)	1 Marvin Johnson (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K Alejandro Maldonado (Fr.)	KR 24 Kenjon Barner (So.)
P 49 Jackson Rice (So.)	PR 24 Kenjon Barner (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nate Costa, 33-20-147-1, 1 TD  
Rushing: LaMichael James, 230 car., 1,546 yds., 14 TDs  
Receiving: Jeff Maehl, 53 rec., 696 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: John Boyett, 90, 62 solo  
Sacks: Kenny Rowe, 11.5

Interceptions: Talmadge Jackson III, 4 for 73 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	New Mexico
Sept. 11	at Tennessee
Sept. 18	Portland State
Sept. 25	at Arizona State
Oct. 2	Stanford
Oct. 9	at Washington State
Oct. 21	UCLA
Oct. 30	at USC
Nov. 6	Washington
Nov. 13	at California
Nov. 26	Arizona
Dec. 4	at Oregon State

### 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 8-1)

Sept. 3	at Boise State	L	8-19
Sept. 12	Purdue	W	38-36
Sept. 19	Utah	W	31-24
Sept. 26	California	W	42-3
Oct. 3	Washington State	W	52-6
Oct. 10	at UCLA	W	24-10
Oct. 24	at Washington	W	43-19
Oct. 31	USC	W	47-20
Nov. 7	at Stanford	L	42-51
Nov. 14	Arizona State	W	44-21
Nov. 21	at Arizona	W (2ot)	44-41
Dec. 3	Oregon State	W	37-33
Jan. 1	#Ohio State	L	17-26
	#Rose Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	36.1 ppg	1	8
Rushing	231.7 ypg	1	6
Passing	180.3 ypg	9	98
Total	412.0 ypg	2	33
Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	23.8 ppg	4	51
Rushing	128.7 ypg	6	42
Passing	207.6 ypg	4	44
Total	336.3 ypg	4	35
TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
+2	+0.15	5	51

HEAD COACH: CHIP KELLY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 10-3 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 10-3 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK HELFRICH DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NICK ALIOTTI





# OREGON STATE

CORVALLIS, ORE. RESER STADIUM (45,674)

## BEAVERS

**OFFENSE** Quarterbacking will have a new look as the veterans who divided starting time over the last three seasons, Sean Canfield and Lyle Moevao, completed their eligibility. Barring the unforeseen, sophomore Ryan Katz and junior Peter Lalich will battle for the starting job. Both have limited game experience, although Lalich, a transfer from Virginia, was the Cavs' opening-day starter in 2008. "I like the talent there," coach Mike Riley says. "Now we'll see who emerges."

Junior tailback Jacquizz Rodgers again will anchor the offense. In addition to rushing for 1,440 yards, Rodgers became an accomplished receiver (78 catches for 522 yards) and stayed healthy all season after missing most of three games in 2008 with a shoulder injury.

Senior flanker James Rodgers remains the go-to receiver and a threat to run on the fly sweep (58 rushes for 303 yards). The Beavers have plenty of depth at wideout despite the loss of starter Damola Adeniji to graduation and backup Casey Kjos to recurring back injuries.

The offensive line should be a position of strength, as left tackle Michael Philipp, left guard Grant Johnson, center Alex Linnenkohl and right tackle Mike Remmers all return. Johnson missed spring practice with a shoulder injury but should be good to go.

Linebacking is now an area of concern. Starting outside linebacker Keith Pankey tore his right Achilles' tendon on Feb. 10, although he is expected to be recovered and play this fall. Starting middle linebacker David Pa'aluhii withdrew from school in February to join the military. Pa'aluhii started every game and was second on the team in tackles (77), so he'll be missed.

The Beavers had only eight interceptions last season and gave up 23 touchdown passes. The secondary isn't entirely responsible for those bad numbers, though; part of the blame must go to an anemic pass rush. Starting left corner James Dockery and starting safeties Lance Mitchell and Cameron Collins are back.

**SPECIALISTS** Virtually every starting specialist returns, led by senior placekicker Justin Kahut, who was 22-of-27 on field goals overall and 21-of-24 inside of 50 yards. Junior punter Johnny Hekker matured in 2009 after an inconsistent freshman season and averaged 40.1 yards per kick. James Rodgers averaged 23.3 yard per kickoff return and is always a threat to take one back all the way.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Beavers are in position to contend in the Pac-10 for the third straight season. They will be one of the most experienced teams in the country, as 19 position players and specialists who have started at some point in their careers are among the nearly 60 returning lettermen.

Three factors will determine whether the Beavers finally break through to a first-tier bowl: the emergence of Katz or Lalich at quarterback, identifying the next set of NFL-caliber linebackers and defensive backs, and developing a more consistent pass rush. If those things happen, a team that lost its final regular-season game against rival Oregon with the Rose Bowl on the line in 2008 and '09 could return to Pasadena for the first time since the 1964 season.

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The Beavers have 25 Pac-10 wins since 2006, when the conference went to a nine-game schedule and a true round-robin format. Only USC (27) has more league wins than the Beavers in that span.

**DEFENSE** The Beavers recorded only 17 sacks in 2009 after having 130 in the previous three seasons combined, so becoming more physical up front is a major priority. Senior tackle Stephen Paea is the reigning winner of the Morris Trophy, awarded to the Pac-10's top defensive lineman.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#TCU
Sept. 18	Louisville
Sept. 25	at Boise State
Oct. 2	Arizona State
Oct. 9	at Arizona
Oct. 16	at Washington
Oct. 30	California
Nov. 6	at UCLA
Nov. 13	Washington State
Nov. 20	USC
Nov. 27	at Stanford
Dec. 4	Oregon
	#Arlington, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-3)

Sept. 5	Portland State	W	34-7
Sept. 12	at UNLV	W	23-21
Sept. 19	Cincinnati	L	18-28
Sept. 26	Arizona	L	32-37
Oct. 3	at Arizona State	W	28-17
Oct. 10	Stanford	W	38-28
Oct. 24	at USC	L	36-42
Oct. 31	UCLA	W	26-19
Nov. 7	at California	W	31-14
Nov. 14	Washington	W	48-21
Nov. 21	at Washington State	W	42-10
Dec. 3	at Oregon	L	33-37
Dec. 22	#BYU	L	20-44
	#Las Vegas Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	31.5 ppg	3	26
Rushing	139.9 ypg	6	67
Passing	270.8 ypg	1	27
Total	410.6 ypg	3	34

Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	25.0 ppg	6	57
Rushing	114.4 ypg	3	25
Passing	235.1 ypg	6	84
Total	349.5 ypg	6	46

TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
+5	+0.38	2	31

**HEAD COACH:** MIKE RILEY **RECORD AT SCHOOL:** 64-47 (9 YEARS) **CAREER RECORD:** 64-47 (9 YEARS)  
**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** DANNY LANGSDORF **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** MARK BANKER

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JACQUIZZ RODGERS

### THE QUOTE

"I think they do an excellent job of coaching. I wish someone would rank them No. 1 or put some expectations on them and see how they deal with it."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	15 Darrell Catchings (Jr.)	2 Markus Wheaton (So.)
WR	23 Jordan Bishop (So.)	46 Aaron Nichols (Sr.)
FL	8 James Rodgers (Sr.)	81 Micah Hatfield (Fr.)
LT	77 Michael Philipp (So.)	72 Timi Oshinowo (Sr.)
LG	70 Grant Johnson (Jr.)	63 Ryan Pohl (Sr.)
C	60 Alex Linnenkohl (Sr.)	69 Josh Andrews (Fr.)
RG	74 Burke Ellis (Jr.)	64 Colin Kelly (So.)
RT	50 Mike Remmers (Jr.)	62 Geoff Garner (So.)
TE	87 Joe Halahunu (Jr.)	83 Brady Camp (Sr.)
QB	12 Ryan Katz (So.)	7 Peter Lalich (Jr.)
RB	1 Jacquizz Rodgers (Jr.)	19 Jovan Stevenson (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	99 Gabe Miller (Sr.)	49 Andrew Seumalo (So.)
DT	54 Stephen Paea (Sr.)	98 Castro Masaniai (So.)
DT	78 Brennan Olander (Sr.)	74 Kevin Frahm (Jr.)
DE	91 Taylor Henry (So.)	76 John Braun (Fr.)
SLB	35 Keith Pankey (Sr.)	44 Devin Unga (So.)
MLB	43 Tony Wilson (So.)	13 Rueben Robinson (So.)
OLB	59 Dwight Roberson (Sr.)	29 Zane Norris (So.)
CB	4 James Dockery (Sr.)	14 Jordan Poyer (So.)
CB	17 Brandon Hardin (Jr.)	20 Kenyan Parker (So.)
S	5 Cameron Collins (Jr.)	28 Suaesi Tuimaunei (Sr.)
S	10 Lance Mitchell (Jr.)	26 Josh LaGrone (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	27 Justin Kahut (Sr.)	KR	8 James Rodgers (Sr.)
P	7 Johnny Hekker (Jr.)	PR	8 James Rodgers (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

**Passing:** Ryan Katz, 27-14-232-0, 1 TD  
**Rushing:** Jacquizz Rodgers, 273 car, 1,440 yds., 21 TDs  
**Receiving:** James Rodgers, 91 rec., 1,034 yds., 9 TDs  
**Tackles:** Lance Mitchell, 72, 43 solo  
**Sacks:** Stephen Paea, 3; Gabe Miller, 3  
**Interceptions:** Lance Mitchell, 3 for 25 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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STANFORD, CALIF. STANFORD STADIUM (50,000)

**OFFENSE** Stanford will have a dramatically different look on offense after the departure of Heisman Trophy runner-up Toby Gerhart to the NFL. The focus now is on sophomore quarterback Andrew Luck, who had a terrific freshman season and is one of the country's top returning signal-callers. Luck already is considered a possible top-10 NFL Draft pick. He has the ability to make all the throws necessary to be a top-line college quarterback and can also make plays with his feet.

Luck will have a veteran duo at wide receiver at his disposal in senior Ryan Whalen and junior Chris Owusu. Whalen caught a team-best 57 passes for 926 yards and four touchdowns a year ago, while Owusu added 682 yards receiving and five scores. Coach Jim Harbaugh is concerned about the team's depth at receiver and is hoping sophomore Jamal-Rashad Patterson can have a breakout season.

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Andrew Luck threw only four interceptions in 288 attempts as a redshirt freshman en route to leading the Pac-10 in passing efficiency.

Stanford returns four of five starters from what was one of the nation's most dominant offensive lines last year. The Cardinal allowed only seven sacks last season — the second-fewest in the country — and also paved the way for Gerhart's national-best 1,871 rushing yards. Stanford will have to replace the leader of last year's line, second-team All-America right tackle Chris Marinelli.

**DEFENSE** New coordinator Vic Fangio takes over a unit that ranked 90th nationally last season and will change the Cardinal from a 4-3 to a 3-4 base scheme, so despite the return of a strong nucleus, there are still substantial changes in store.

Defensive end Thomas Keiser, who led the

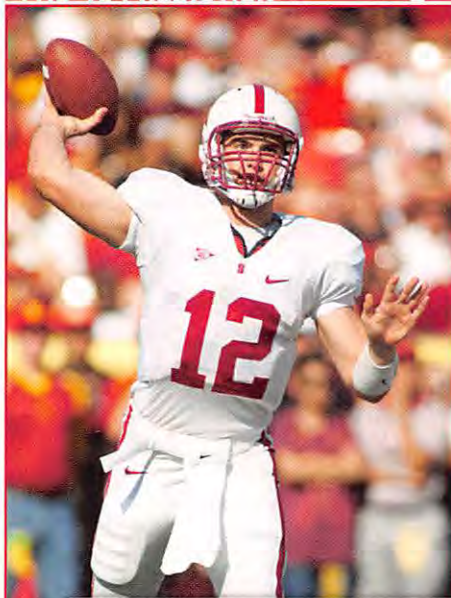
team with nine sacks last year, is moving to outside linebacker. Starting fullback Owen Marecic is also slotted to be a starting inside linebacker. Inside linebacker Shayne Skov, who came to Stanford last season as one of the country's most sought-after recruits, ended up starting seven games as a true freshman and tied for third on the team with 62 tackles. He enters the season as one of the Pac-10's top defensive players.

The Cardinal are strong on the back end with Delano Howell returning at safety and Richard Sherman back at one corner. Both players excelled last year in their first seasons playing defensive back.

Along with Fangio, the Cardinal have two other new defensive coaches — Randy Hart with the defensive line and Derek Mason with the secondary.

**SPECIALISTS** Owusu returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown twice last season and added another return TD. He led the Pac-10 in kick returns (31.5 ypr) and was named second-team All-America. Sherman is back to return punts — he ranked fifth in the conference last season (10.3) and took one in for a score. Kicker Nate Whitaker earned All-Pac-10 honorable mention last year after connecting on 16-of-22 field goals. David Green returns as the team's punter, but Harbaugh says Daniel Zychlinski is competing for the spot.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Although the Cardinal ended last season by losing two of their final three games, Stanford sent notice that it is a legitimate player in the Pac-10 race for the foreseeable future. The Cardinal will be hard-pressed to replace Gerhart, but back-to-back top 25 recruiting classes mean Stanford should be able to sustain last year's success. Stanford's offense still figures to be potent, but the Cardinal's defense needs to catch up if they truly have their eyes on a Pac-10 title.

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ANDREW LUCK

## THE QUOTE

"There's no question Stanford is going to miss Toby Gerhart, but Andrew Luck might be the best quarterback to play there since John Elway."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

## OFFENSE (8)

WR	8 Ryan Whalen (Sr.)	21 Jamal-Rashad Patterson (So.)
WR	81 Chris Owusu (Jr.)	39 Griff Whalen (So.)
LT	73 Jonathan Martin (So.)	77 Tyler Mabry (Jr.)
LG	71 Andy Phillips (Sr.)	74 James McGillicuddy (Sr.)
C	72 Chase Beeler (Sr.)	65 Khalil Wilkes (Fr.)
RG	52 David DeCastro (So.)	76 Kevin Danser (Fr.)
RT	74 James McGillicuddy (Sr.)	53 Derek Hall (Sr.)
TE	82 Coby Fleener (Jr.)	11 Levine Toilolo (Fr.)
QB	12 Andrew Luck (So.)	6 Josh Nunes (Fr.)
FB	48 Owen Marecic (Sr.)	10 Geoff Meinken (Fr.)
RB	34 Jeremy Stewart (Sr.)	31 Stepfan Taylor (So.)

## DEFENSE (X)

DE	98 Matt Masifilo (Jr.)	90 Josh Mauro (Fr.)
NT	92 Sione Fua (Sr.)	99 Terrence Stephens (So.)
DE	95 Brian Bulcke (Sr.)	90 Josh Mauro (Fr.)
OLB	94 Thomas Keiser (Jr.)	51 Alex Debnjak (So.)
ILB	11 Shayne Skov (So.)	35 Jarek Lancaster (Fr.)
ILB	48 Owen Marecic (Sr.)	57 Max Bergen (Jr.)
OLB	93 Chase Thomas (So.)	97 Trent Murphy (Fr.)
CB	9 Richard Sherman (Sr.)	3 Michael Thomas (Jr.)
CB	6 Terrence Brown (Fr.)	27 Johnson Bademosi (Jr.)
S	26 Delano Howell (Jr.)	15 Alex Loukas (Jr.)
S	28 Harold Bernard (So.)	23 Austin Yancy (Sr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	39 Nate Whitaker (Sr.)	KR	81 Chris Owusu (Jr.)
P	38 David Green (Jr.)	PR	9 Richard Sherman (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Andrew Luck, 288-162-2,575-4, 13 TDs

Rushing: Andrew Luck, 61 car., 354 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Ryan Whalen, 57 rec., 926 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Delano Howell, 78, 52 solo

Sacks: Thomas Keiser, 9

Interceptions: Delano Howell, 2 for 4 yds.

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## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Sacramento State
Sept. 11	at UCLA
Sept. 18	Wake Forest
Sept. 25	at Notre Dame
Oct. 2	at Oregon
Oct. 9	USC
Oct. 23	Washington State
Oct. 30	at Washington
Nov. 6	Arizona
Nov. 13	at Arizona State
Nov. 20	at California
Nov. 27	Oregon State

## 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-3)

Sept. 5	at Washington State	W	39-13
Sept. 12	at Wake Forest	L	17-24
Sept. 19	San Jose State	W	42-17
Sept. 26	Washington	W	34-14
Oct. 3	UCLA	W	24-16
Oct. 10	at Oregon State	L	28-38
Oct. 17	at Arizona	L	38-43
Oct. 24	Arizona State	W	33-14
Nov. 7	Oregon	W	51-42
Nov. 14	at USC	W	55-21
Nov. 21	California	L	28-34
Nov. 28	Notre Dame	W	45-38
Dec. 31	#Oklahoma	L	27-31
	#Sun Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	35.5 ppg	2	11
Rushing	218.2 ypg	2	11
Passing	209.4 ypg	8	70
Total	427.6 ypg	1	19

Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	26.5 ppg	8	69
Rushing	137.9 ypg	7	55
Passing	264.8 ypg	8	110
Total	402.7 ypg	9	90

TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
0	0.00	6	60

HEAD COACH: JIM HARBAUGH RECORD AT SCHOOL: 17-20 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 46-26 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVID SHAW DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: VIC FANGIO



**OFFENSE** For as much as UCLA improved offensively from 2008 to 2009 — from 111th to 88th in total offense, from 110th to 94th in scoring offense — the Bruins will need to make a much bigger leap if they are to match coach Rick Neuheisel's ambitious goal of eight wins. With six starters returning and two impact transfers, UCLA thinks it can make that leap.

Sophomore Kevin Prince returns to lead a unit that finished 97th in the country in rushing offense, and Neuheisel and offensive coordinator Norm Chow spent much of the offseason refining the new Revolver scheme that should figure heavily in the offense. A variation of Nevada's Pistol offense, the Revolver is meant to allow Prince more room to improvise at the snap.

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UCLA had 106 tackles for a loss, fifth in the nation — but the Bruins lose defensive tackle Brian Price, who had 23.5 of them, more than 22 percent.

The Revolver should also benefit returning rushing yardage leader Johnathan Franklin, who started strongly in 2009 only to finish with only 133 yards in the team's last seven games. UCLA adds a pair of star recruits in Malcolm Jones and Jordon James, either of whom could push for time in the rotation.

Juniors Nelson Rosario and Taylor Embree provide Prince with a pair of hulking targets, but the addition of junior speedster Josh Smith, a transfer from Colorado, will give the Bruins a downfield threat.

**DEFENSE** Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year Brian Price leaves a Grand Canyon-size gap in the middle, but UCLA must replace much more than just Price. Also gone are All-Pac-10 cornerback and cerebral leader Alterraun Verner, mouthpiece and middle linebacker Reggie Carter and steady starters

Korey and Kyle Bosworth and Jerzy Siewierski.

Even with such talent on defense last year, the Bruins had tremendous lapses, and it will be up to returning All-America safety Rahim Moore and All-Pac-10 linebacker Akeem Ayers to keep the team on track. UCLA coaches have high hopes for junior defensive end Datone Jones and senior defensive tackle David Carter, but the rest of the defensive line is up for grabs.

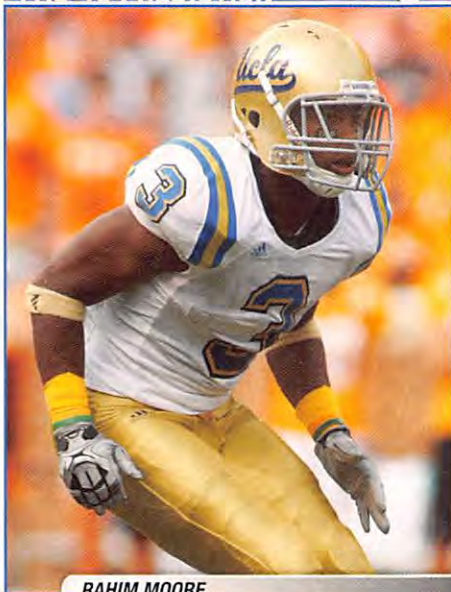
A team prone to tackling issues now must also fill two linebacker spots, and both are heated battles. Converted safety Glenn Love and fellow junior Sean Westgate fought for the outside linebacker position, while sophomore Patrick Larimore and junior Steve Sloan tangled for the middle spot.

The defensive backfield is in better shape with Moore and junior safety Tony Dye manning the deep pass and sophomores Sheldon Price and Aaron Hester at cornerback.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior kicker Kai Forbath and sophomore punter Jeff Locke form one of the best kicking units in the country. Forbath will attempt to become only the second two-time Lou Groza Award winner, and Locke will return as one of the Pac-10's top punters after being the only freshman named a Ray Guy Award semifinalist. The addition of Smith will add an explosive element to the Bruins' return game.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The key word for UCLA in 2010 — progress. Neuheisel came into town in 2008 proclaiming "The monopoly is over" in Los Angeles, hoping to challenge monolithic USC. Then he lost his starting and backup quarterback on back-to-back, non-contact plays and finished 4-8.

After rebounding to 7-6 last season with regular-season wins over Tennessee, Kansas State and Arizona State and an EagleBank Bowl victory over upstart Temple, the Bruins have high expectations in Neuheisel's third year.



RAHIM MOORE

### THE QUOTE

"(Rick) Neuheisel has done a nice job in recruiting, but most of his best players are still freshmen and sophomores. I think 2011 is probably the year UCLA makes a serious move."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	83 Nelson Rosario (Jr.)	3 Josh Smith (Jr.)
WR	82 Taylor Embree (Jr.)	1 Randall Carroll (So.)
LT	73 Micah Kia (Sr.)	68 Nik Abele (Fr.)
LG	60 Jeff Baca (Jr.)	74 Stan Hasiak (So.)
C	51 Kai Malava (Jr.)	66 Ryan Taylor (Sr.)
RG	62 Eddie Williams (Sr.)	64 Greg Capella (Fr.)
RT	65 Mike Harris (Jr.)	72 Sean Sheller (Sr.)
TE	87 Cory Harkey (Jr.)	8 Joseph Fauria (So.)
QB	4 Kevin Prince (So.)	12 Richard Brehaut (So.)
FB	33 Derrick Coleman (Jr.)	36 Jayson Allmond (Fr.)
TB	23 Johnathan Franklin (So.)	Malcolm Jones (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	56 Datone Jones (Jr.)	96 Iuta Tapa (So.)
DT	85 David Carter (Sr.)	99 Justin Edison (Jr.)
DT	89 Nate Chandler (Jr.)	Cassius Marsh (Fr.)
RE	97 Damien Holmes (So.)	59 Keenan Graham (Fr.)
WLB	10 Akeem Ayers (Jr.)	58 Isaiah Bowens (Fr.)
MLB	42 Patrick Larimore (So.)	43 Steve Sloan (Jr.)
SLB	20 Glenn Love (Jr.)	11 Sean Westgate (Jr.)
CB	21 Aaron Hester (So.)	26 Andrew Abbott (So.)
CB	22 Sheldon Price (So.)	7 Courtney Viney (Jr.)
SS	6 Tony Dye (Jr.)	47 Stan McKay (Fr.)
FS	3 Rahim Moore (Jr.)	19 Dalton Hilliard (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	25 Kai Forbath (Sr.)	KR	3 Josh Smith (Jr.)
P	18 Jeff Locke (So.)	PR	3 Josh Smith (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kevin Prince, 308-173-2,050-8, 8 TDs  
Rushing: Johnathan Franklin, 126 car., 566 yds., 5 TDs  
Receiving: Taylor Embree, 45 rec., 608 yds., 2 TDs  
Tackles: Akeem Ayers, 75, 55 solo  
Sacks: Akeem Ayers, 6  
Interceptions: Rahim Moore, 10 for 79 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Kansas State
Sept. 11	Stanford
Sept. 18	Houston
Sept. 25	at Texas
Oct. 2	Washington State
Oct. 9	at California
Oct. 21	at Oregon
Oct. 30	Arizona
Nov. 6	Oregon State
Nov. 13	at Washington
Nov. 26	at Arizona State
Dec. 4	USC

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 3-6)

Sept. 5	San Diego State	W	33-14
Sept. 12	at Tennessee	W	19-15
Sept. 19	Kansas State	W	23-9
Oct. 3	at Stanford	L	16-24
Oct. 10	Oregon	L	10-24
Oct. 17	California	L	26-45
Oct. 24	at Arizona	L	13-27
Oct. 31	at Oregon State	L	19-26
Nov. 7	Washington	W	24-23
Nov. 14	at Washington State	W	43-7
Nov. 21	Arizona State	W	23-13
Nov. 28	at USC	L	7-28
Dec. 29	#Temple	W	30-21

#EagleBank Bowl

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	22.0 ppg	9	94	
Rushing	114.6 ypg	9	97	
Passing	222.8 ypg	4	52	
Total	337.4 ypg	8	88	
	Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	21.2 ppg	3	27	
Rushing	142.8 ypg	8	59	
Passing	191.2 ypg	2	28	
Total	334.0 ypg	3	32	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
	+6	+0.46	1	26

HEAD COACH: RICK NEUHEISEL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 11-14 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 77-44 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NORM CHOW DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHUCK BULLOUGH



**USC**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM (93,607)

**TROJANS****NATIONAL FORECAST  
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**OFFENSE** The last time Lane Kiffin was at USC, as an assistant, the Trojans were lighting up scoreboards all around America. The school's controversial new 35-year-old head coach will try to reignite an offense that uncharacteristically struggled for much of 2009. He will begin with Matt Barkley, who arrives for his sophomore year trimmer and more mature at quarterback. He has the tools to be USC's next glamour passer.

Wide receiver Ronald Johnson will lead a collection of gifted pass-catchers. The real key might be bruising tailback Allen Bradford, who will be asked to rev up a stagnant running game, along with rock solid, multi-gifted fullback Stanley Havili.

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USC gave up 36 points or more on three occasions last season — that's three more than the previous three seasons combined.

The offensive line returns three starters, led by center Kristofer O'Dowd, and some solid newcomers, including freshman Seantrel Henderson, the 335-pound National Prep Player of the Year. When you throw in a batch of flashy freshmen such as broken-field specialist Dillon Baxter and wide receivers Kyle Prater and Robert Woods, this has the potential to be as exciting as some of those old USC offenses Kiffin used to coordinate.

"This is a good place to be a quarterback right now," Kiffin says.

**DEFENSE** USC is not used to giving up 55, 47 and 36 points, especially against Pac-10 opponents. But that's precisely what happened when Stanford, Oregon and Oregon State worked the Trojans over a year ago. The goal will be to rectify some of those problems, with noted defensive guru Monte Kiffin, Lane's 70-year-old father, joining the staff along with Ed

Orgeron, the defensive line coach/recruiting maven whose barking presence was sorely missed the past couple of seasons.

A front seven that was young and inexperienced in 2009 returns intact, led by tackle Jurrell Casey and outside linebacker Malcolm Smith. Middle linebacker, too often a gaping hole last season, will be filled by Devon Kennard, who switched from end to outside backer a year ago and beat out incumbent Chris Galippo in the spring.

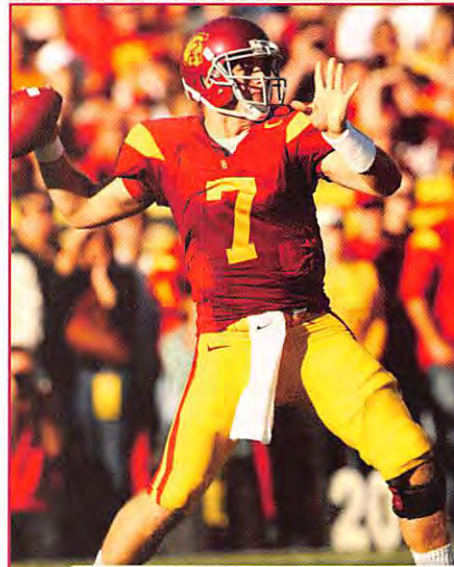
The secondary will be new, although Shareece Wright, who was academically ineligible in 2009, is an excellent cover corner. The safeties will include T.J. McDonald, Drew McAllister and Jawanza Starling.

This group won't be as dominant as the Rey Maualuga-Brian Cushing unit of two years ago, but it shouldn't be as leaky and ineffective as last year's bunch, either.

**SPECIALISTS** Jacob Harfman, who handled both the punting and kickoff duties in 2009, returns and likely will take over the placekicking responsibilities as well. Johnson should continue to be one of the more dangerous kickoff return men in the country, with backup tailbacks C.J. Gable and Curtis McNeal and maybe Woods, the freshman wideout, returning punts.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Pete Carroll had a spectacular nine-year run (97–19) at USC, but some of the glow started to fade in the aftermath of a 9–4 season a year ago.

Kiffin has the luxury of a strong-armed quarterback who now has a year of experience and plenty of talent surrounding him on offense. The key might be a more consistent running game led by the punishing Bradford. If the Trojans can control the ball and the clock, it will take pressure off a defense that continues to have some question marks. It won't be easy, but there is still enough talent here to win the Pac-10.

**MATT BARKLEY****THE QUOTE**

"Matt Barkley is a tremendous talent, but he didn't get better as the 2009 season went along. He has to eliminate mistakes and make better decisions."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

**OFFENSE (5)**

WR	83 Ronald Johnson (Sr.)	Robert Woods (Fr.)
WR	19 Brice Butler (So.)	85 Kyle Prater (Fr.)
LT	75 Matt Kalil (So.)	Seantrel Henderson (Fr.)
LG	78 Khaled Holmes (So.)	74 Zack Herberer (Sr.)
C	61 Kristofer O'Dowd (Sr.)	Giovanni Di Poalo (Fr.)
RG	68 Butch Lewis (Sr.)	77 Kevin Graf (Fr.)
RT	70 Tyron Smith (Jr.)	72 Martin Coleman (Jr.)
TE	40 Rhett Ellison (Jr.)	88 Blake Ayles (Jr.)
QB	7 Matt Barkley (So.)	16 Mitch Mustain (Sr.)
FB	31 Stanley Havili (Sr.)	10 D.J. Shoemate (Jr.)
RB	21 Allen Bradford (Sr.)	28 Dillon Baxter (Fr.)

**DEFENSE (6)**

DE	94 Armond Armstead (Jr.)	97 Malik Jackson (Jr.)
DT	91 Jurrell Casey (Jr.)	90 Derek Simmons (Sr.)
DT	44 Christian Tupou (Sr.)	98 DaJohn Harris (Jr.)
DE	96 Wes Horton (So.)	8 Nick Perry (So.)
OLB	6 Malcolm Smith (Jr.)	23 Shane Horton (Jr.)
MLB	42 Devon Kennard (So.)	54 Chris Galippo (Jr.)
OLB	17 Michael Morgan (Sr.)	54 Chris Galippo (Jr.)
CB	24 Shareece Wright (Sr.)	30 Brian Baucham (So.)
CB	4 Torin Harris (Fr.)	1 T.J. Bryant (Jr.)
SS	29 Jawanza Starling (So.)	25 Patrick Hall (Fr.)
FS	7 T.J. McDonald (So.)	19 Drew McAllister (Jr.)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

K	48 Jacob Harfman (Sr.)	KR	83 Ronald Johnson (Sr.)
P	48 Jacob Harfman (Sr.)	PR	2 C.J. Gable (Sr.)

**RETURNING LEADERS**

Passing: Matt Barkley, 352-211-2,735-14, 15 TDs

Rushing: Allen Bradford, 115 car., 668 yds., 8 TDs

Receiving: Ronald Johnson, 34 rec., 378 yds., 3 TDs

Tackles: Malcolm Smith, 72, 37 solo

Sacks: Nick Perry, 8

Interceptions: Chris Galippo, 2 for 63 yds.

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**2010 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 2	at Hawaii
Sept. 11	Virginia
Sept. 18	at Minnesota
Sept. 25	at Washington State
Oct. 2	Washington
Oct. 9	at Stanford
Oct. 16	California
Oct. 30	Oregon
Nov. 6	Arizona State
Nov. 13	at Arizona
Nov. 20	at Oregon State
Nov. 27	Notre Dame
Dec. 4	at UCLA

**2009 RESULTS (9-4, 5-4)**

Sept. 5	San Jose State	W	56–3
Sept. 12	at Ohio State	W	18–15
Sept. 19	at Washington	L	13–16
Sept. 26	Washington State	W	27–6
Oct. 3	at California	W	30–3
Oct. 17	at Notre Dame	W	34–27
Oct. 24	Oregon State	W	42–36
Oct. 31	at Oregon	L	20–47
Nov. 7	at Arizona State	W	14–9
Nov. 14	Stanford	L	21–55
Nov. 28	UCLA	W	28–7
Dec. 5	Arizona	L	17–21
Dec. 26	#Boston College	W	24–13
	#Emerald Bowl		

**2009 RANKINGS**

Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	26.5 ppg	6	64
Rushing	166.8 ypg	4	44
Passing	222.3 ypg	6	54
Total	389.1 ypg	5	55

Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	19.9 ppg	1	22
Rushing	128.2 ypg	5	39
Passing	212.3 ypg	5	48
Total	340.5 ypg	5	40

TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
0	0.00	6	60

**HEAD COACH:** LANE KIFFIN **RECORD AT SCHOOL:** FIRST SEASON **CAREER RECORD:** 7–6 (1 YEAR)

**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** LANE KIFFIN **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR:** MONTE KIFFIN (ASSISTANT HEAD COACH)





# WASHINGTON

## HUSKIES

SEATTLE, WASH. HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)

**OFFENSE** The Huskies will offer a high-powered attack with nine offensive starters returning, with everything centered around Jake Locker, a fifth-year senior quarterback and NFL prospect. He's big and fast, capable of running and throwing for a long one at any time, and second-year coach Steve Sarkisian has made inroads in developing him into a more accurate passer. In the new system, Locker's completion rate went from 54 to 58 percent, and he stayed in the pocket longer.

In his career, Locker has rushed for a 1,554 yards (the most by a quarterback at UW) and 23 touchdowns, and passed for 5,374 yards and 36 scores. He passed up the NFL to try to get Washington to its first bowl game in eight years. "I knew I hadn't done what I set out to do when I came here, and I felt the opportunity I had with the team coming back was a pretty good one," Locker says.

specifically those surrounding the front four. Defensive tackle Alameda Ta'amu is the only healthy and proven starter available.

Two linebackers with starting experience are back, including senior Mason Foster, who's one of the league's most fearsome hitters. He set a school record and led the Pac-10 last season with six forced fumbles.

The Washington secondary underwent a youth movement in 2009, starting freshmen at each of the four positions, though never all at once. The best one was cornerback Desmond Trufant, who intercepted a couple of passes and returned a fumble for a touchdown against Notre Dame.

**SPECIALISTS** The Huskies have both specialists back in junior placekicker Erik Folk and senior punter Will Mahan. After two injury-filled seasons, Folk showed what he could do by connecting on 18-of-21 field goal attempts and beating USC with a last-second kick. Mahan was steady all season, averaging 40.6 yards per punt.

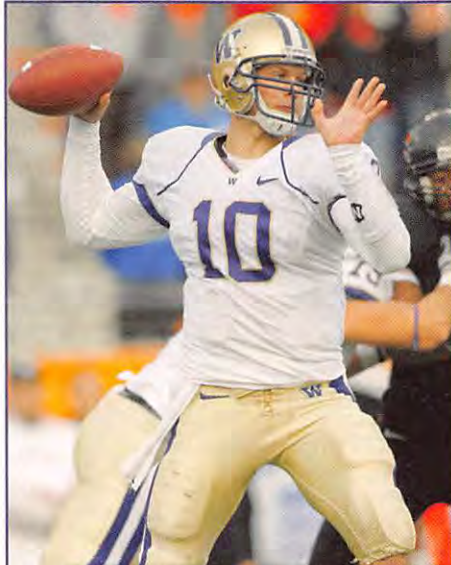
**FINAL ANALYSIS** How odd is this: Washington has suffered through seven consecutive seasons without a winning record — the worst stretch of football in the program's 120-year history — even with the record-setting Locker, arguably the school's greatest quarterback, on the roster for more than half that time. With Locker back for another season, the Huskies have just one more shot to get things right and not let all of that talent go to waste.

"It's been unfortunate he hasn't been able to reap the benefits of a bowl game and winning season, but that's the beauty of coming back for a fifth season," Sarkisian says.

The Huskies should have plenty of offense to end the program's misery and post that elusive winning record, but continuing defensive shortcomings likely will keep this team from making a huge turnaround.

## NATIONAL FORECAST PAC-10 PREDICTION

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6



JAKE LOCKER

### THE QUOTE

"Jake Locker is as good as any quarterback in the country. The kid just knows how to make plays and win games. He can beat you with his arm and his legs."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	15	Jermaine Kearse (Jr.)	11	D'Andre Goodwin (Sr.)
WR	9	Devin Aguilar (Jr.)	82	Jordan Polk (Jr.)
WR	3	James Johnson (So.)	7	Cody Bruns (Jr.)
LT	56	Senio Kelemele (Jr.)	63	Daniel Kanczowski (So.)
LG	65	Ryan Tolar (Sr.)	77	Scott Shugert (Jr.)
C	73	Drew Schaefer (So.)	51	Mykenna Ikehara (So.)
RG	61	Greg Christine (Sr.)	52	Nick Wood (Jr.)
RT	71	Cody Habben (Sr.)	67	Skyler Fancher (Jr.)
TE	80	Kavario Middleton (Jr.)	4	Chris Izbiicki (Jr.)
QB	10	Jake Locker (Sr.)	17	Keith Price (Fr.)
RB	1	Chris Polk (So.)	32	Deontae Cooper (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	11	Talia Crichton (So.)	50	Kalani Aldrich (Jr.)
DT	74	Alameda Ta'amu (Jr.)	98	Semisi Tokolahi (So.)
DT	99	Cameron Elisara (Sr.)	91	Tyrone Duncan (Jr.)
DE	96	De'Shon Matthews (Sr.)	89	Conrad Remington (Jr.)
SLB	3	Alvin Logan (Jr.)	45	Matt Houston (Sr.)
MLB	31	Cort Dennison (Jr.)	15	Victor Burnett (Fr.)
WLB	40	Mason Foster (Sr.)	21	Jordan Wallace (So.)
CB	6	Desmond Trufant (So.)	4	Vonzell McDowell (Jr.)
CB	27	Adam Long (So.)	28	Quinton Richardson (Jr.)
SS	8	Nate Williams (Sr.)	20	Justin Glenn (So.)
FS	13	Will Shamburger (Fr.)	29	Nate Fellner (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	17	Erik Folk (Jr.)	KR	28	Quinton Richardson (Jr.)
P	46	Will Mahan (Sr.)	PR	9	Devin Aguilar (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jake Locker, 394-230-2,800-11, 21 TDs

Rushing: Chris Polk, 226 car., 1,113 yds., 5 TDs

Receiving: Jermaine Kearse, 50 rec., 866 yds., 8 TDs

Tackles: Mason Foster, 85, 60 solo

Sacks: Alameda Ta'amu, 2.5

Interceptions: Mason Foster, 3 for 109 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

8-20

Talented as he is, Jake Locker is only 8-20 as a starter in his three-year career with the Huskies. Five of those wins came last season.

He has a superlative supporting cast, starting with running back Chris Polk, the first Huskies freshman to rush for 1,000 yards (1,113), and junior Jermaine Kearse, who established himself as one of the league's elite receivers with 50 catches for 866 yards in '09.

The Huskies' offensive line should open holes and provide plenty of protection for Locker. UW returns three starters, including the versatile Senio Kelemele, who was a starting defensive tackle as a freshman, first-unit offensive guard as a sophomore and has been moved to the No. 1 left tackle slot.

**DEFENSE** All of the good feelings about the offense get tempered some when considering Washington's widespread defensive concerns,

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at BYU
Sept. 11	Syracuse
Sept. 18	Nebraska
Oct. 2	at USC
Oct. 9	Arizona State
Oct. 16	Oregon State
Oct. 23	at Arizona
Oct. 30	Stanford
Nov. 6	at Oregon
Nov. 13	UCLA
Nov. 27	at California
Dec. 4	at Washington State

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 4-5)

Sept. 5	LSU	L	23-31
Sept. 12	Idaho	W	42-23
Sept. 19	USC	W	16-13
Sept. 26	at Stanford	L	14-34
Oct. 3	at Notre Dame	L (ot)	30-37
Oct. 10	Arizona	W	36-33
Oct. 17	at Arizona State	L	17-24
Oct. 24	Oregon	L	19-43
Nov. 7	at UCLA	L	23-24
Nov. 14	at Oregon State	L	21-48
Nov. 28	Washington State	W	30-0
Dec. 5	California	W	42-10

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	26.1	ppg	7	69
Rushing	139.0	ypg	7	68
Passing	236.5	ypg	2	40
Total	375.5	ypg	7	62
	Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	26.7	ppg	9	70
Rushing	148.8	ypg	9	64
Passing	240.7	ypg	7	93
Total	389.5	ypg	8	79
	TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
	+4	+0.33	3	35

HEAD COACH: STEVE SARKISIAN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-7 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 5-7 (1 YEAR)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DOUG NUSSMEIER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NICK HOLT





# WASHINGTON STATE

## COUGARS

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PAC-10 PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** During spring practice, coach Paul Wulff said Jeff Tuel and Marshall Lobbestael would split time with the first unit and have an equal opportunity to be the starting quarterback. But Cougar fans had to wonder what Wulff was talking about. Clearly, Tuel displayed more upside last year than Lobbestael, who was coming off a knee injury.

Besides his physical tools, Tuel appears to have football savvy, a knack for finding receivers and getting out of trouble in the pocket. He reminds some Cougar observers of Jason Gesser, who led Washington State to the 2003 Rose Bowl. Unless Lobbestael has a shockingly terrific fall camp, Tuel will be under center when the Cougars play Oklahoma State in Stillwater on Sept. 4.

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The Cougars have zero wins on the road over the past two seasons. Their last win away from home was at Washington to end the 2007 season.

At running back, James Montgomery is the most talented, but he's the biggest question mark after a knee injury that ended his 2009 season prematurely. The best guess is that Washington State will rush by committee with Marcus Richmond, Carl Winston, Logwone Mitz and Chantz Staden sharing carries.

Washington State has capable receivers in Jared Karstetter, an honorable mention All-Pac-10 player last year as a sophomore, Daniel Blackledge and Gino Simone, the jewel of last year's recruiting class.

But the best news about Washington State's offense is its line, a team strength according to Wulff. The Cougars lost their best lineman, center Kenny Alfred, but they return plenty of experience and some talented newcomers.

**DEFENSE** For two years, the Cougars haven't been able to stop anyone with regularity, but

that could change this season, in part because of the growth and maturity of several players on the line. The group is led by defensive end Travis Long, who started every game as a true freshman last year. After being injured in the first game in 2009, Kevin Kooyman, the other end, redshirted and returns this year, giving the Cougs a respectable pair of pass-rushers.

The defensive tackle corps took a hit when Toby Turpin was kicked off the team in the spring for breaking team rules. Dan Spitz is the likely candidate to replace him at right tackle. Spitz also has the versatility to play end. A highly touted junior college transfer last year, Bernard Wolfgramm starts at left tackle.

At linebacker, the Cougs lost two of their best players, Andy Mattingly and Jason Stripling, to graduation but have a bevy of players to step in. Alex Hoffman-Ellis led the team in tackles last year at middle linebacker but will move outside this fall to take advantage of his speed. Louis Bland might be the best of the bunch — he's a playmaker who always seems to be around the football.

The secondary will be improved after being slammed with injuries last year. Tyree Toomer redshirted after tearing his pectoral muscle, while LeAndre Daniels and Daniel Simmons suffered broken legs. All are healthy now.

**SPECIALISTS** The Cougars have one of the best punters in the country in Reid Forrest, who averaged 43.2 yards last year. He got a lot of practice, punting more than anyone else in the FBS ranks. Kicker Nico Grasu has been inconsistent, but the punchless Cougs have not given him many opportunities.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The first two seasons have been tough for coach Paul Wulff, whose team was outscored by an average of 38.5–12 last year. But there are reasons for hope. The Cougars are more experienced and appear to have the talent now to at least be competitive in the Pac-10.



JEFF TUEL

### THE QUOTE

"They are making minor strides, but they were so far away. Depth is a big issue for them. They start getting hurt and depth becomes a problem for them."

— An opposing Pac-10 assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	2 Daniel Blackledge (Sr.)	12 Jeffrey Solomon (Sr.)
WR	1 Gino Simone (So.)	Isiah Barton (Jr.)
WR	84 Jared Karstetter (Jr.)	12 Jeffrey Solomon (Sr.)
LT	55 Wade Jacobson (Jr.)	76 Micah Hannam (Sr.)
LG	54 Zack Williams (Sr.)	75 Tyson Pencer (So.)
C	73 Andrew Roxas (Jr.)	57 Chris Prummer (Sr.)
RG	72 B.J. Guerra (Jr.)	65 Sebastian Valenzuela (Fr.)
RT	77 David Gonzalez (Jr.)	76 Micah Hannam (Sr.)
TE	40 Skylar Stormo (So.)	87 Andrei Lintz (So.)
QB	10 Jeff Tuel (So.)	8 Marshall Lobbestael (Jr.)
RB	22 Chantz Staden (Sr.)	34 Logwone Mitz (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	93 Kevin Kooyman (Sr.)	96 Casey Hamlett (Sr.)
LT	95 Bernard Wolfgramm (Sr.)	61 Anthony Laurenzi (So.)
RT	92 Dan Spitz (So.)	98 Brandon Rankin (Jr.)
RE	89 Travis Long (So.)	59 Sekope Kaufusi (Fr.)
SLB	13 Myron Beck (Sr.)	52 Andre Barrington (Fr.)
MLB	46 Louis Bland (Jr.)	44 Mike Ledgerwood (Jr.)
WLB	43 Alex Hoffman-Ellis (Jr.)	30 Arthur Burns (Fr.)
CB	9 Aire Justin (Jr.)	29 Nolan Washington (Fr.)
CB	24 Daniel Simmons (So.)	35 Anthony Carpenter (Fr.)
SS	21 Chima Nwachukwu (Sr.)	33 Tyree Toomer (So.)
FS	15 LeAndre Daniels (So.)	36 Casey Locker (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	18 Nico Grasu (Sr.)	KR	32 Carl Winston (So.)
P	8 Reid Forrest (Sr.)	PR	12 Jeffrey Solomon (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Marshall Lobbestael, 144-67-655-8, 3 TDs  
Rushing: James Montgomery, 37 car., 167 yds., 1 TD  
Receiving: Jared Karstetter, 38 rec., 540 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Alex Hoffman-Ellis, 84, 55 solo  
Sacks: Four players tied with 2

Interceptions: Myron Beck, 2 for 78 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Oklahoma State
Sept. 11	Montana State
Sept. 18	at SMU
Sept. 25	USC
Oct. 2	at UCLA
Oct. 9	Oregon
Oct. 16	Arizona
Oct. 23	at Stanford
Oct. 30	at Arizona State
Nov. 6	California
Nov. 13	at Oregon State
Dec. 4	Washington

### 2009 RESULTS (1-11, 0-9)

Sept. 5	Stanford	L	13-39
Sept. 12	Hawaii (Seattle)	L	20-38
Sept. 19	SMU	W	30-27
Sept. 26	at USC	L	6-27
Oct. 3	at Oregon	L	6-52
Oct. 10	Arizona State	L	14-27
Oct. 24	at California	L	17-49
Oct. 31	Notre Dame (San Antonio)	L	14-40
Nov. 7	at Arizona	L	7-48
Nov. 14	UCLA	L	7-43
Nov. 21	Oregon State	L	10-42
Nov. 28	at Washington	L	0-30

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	12.0	ppg	10	119
Rushing	70.7	ypg	10	118
Passing	177.9	ypg	10	100
Total	248.6	ypg	10	119
	Defense	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
Scoring	38.5	ppg	10	118
Rushing	236.4	ypg	10	117
Passing	275.6	ypg	10	115
Total	512.0	ypg	10	120
	TO Margin	Per Game	Pac-10	Nat'l
	-7	-0.58	10	103

HEAD COACH: PAUL WULFF RECORD AT SCHOOL: 3-22 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 56-62 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TODD STURDY CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: CHRIS BALL, JODY SEARS





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Mark Ingram

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	EAST	SEC	OVERALL
	1. FLORIDA	7-1	11-2
	2. GEORGIA	6-2	10-2
	3. SOUTH CAROLINA	5-3	8-4
	4. TENNESSEE	3-5	6-6
	5. KENTUCKY	2-6	6-6
	6. VANDERBILT	1-7	3-9
	WEST		
	1. ALABAMA	7-1	12-1
	2. ARKANSAS	5-3	9-3
	3. AUBURN	4-4	8-4
	4. LSU	4-4	8-4
	5. OLE MISS	2-6	6-6
	6. MISSISSIPPI STATE	2-6	5-7

## SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

ALABAMA OVER FLORIDA

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ALABAMA	2	1	4	3	2	1	3
ARKANSAS	1	4	1	6	10	8	12
AUBURN	6	5	8	4	9	3	6
FLORIDA	3	3	6	2	1	2	2
GEORGIA	7	2	2	1	6	4	7
KENTUCKY	8	10	9	11	11	12	10
LSU	5	6	5	7	5	5	4
MISSISSIPPI STATE	10	12	10	5	8	10	5
OLE MISS	11	11	11	10	3	6	11
SOUTH CAROLINA	4	7	3	8	4	11	1
TENNESSEE	9	9	7	9	7	9	9
VANDERBILT	12	8	12	12	12	7	8

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Ryan Mallett	6'7"	238	Jr.	Arkansas
RB	Washaun Ealey	5'11"	205	So.	Georgia
RB	Mark Ingram	5'10"	212	Jr.	Alabama
WR	Greg Childs	6'3"	217	Jr.	Arkansas
WR	A.J. Green	6'4"	205	Jr.	Georgia
TE	D.J. Williams	6'2"	251	Sr.	Arkansas
C	Mike Pouncey	6'4"	310	Sr.	Florida
OL	Clint Boling	6'5"	310	Sr.	Georgia
OL	Barrett Jones	6'4"	289	So.	Alabama
OL	Derek Sherrod	6'6"	305	Sr.	Mississippi State
OL	Lee Ziemba	6'8"	320	Sr.	Auburn
AP	Randall Cobb	5'11"	191	Jr.	Kentucky

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Marcell Dareus	6'4"	296	Jr.	Alabama
DL	Kentrell Lockett	6'5"	254	Sr.	Ole Miss
DL	Cliff Matthews	6'4"	260	Sr.	South Carolina
DL	Pernell McPhee	6'4"	285	Sr.	Mississippi State
LB	Dont'a Hightower	6'4"	255	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Chris Marve	6'0"	234	Jr.	Vanderbilt
LB	Kelvin Sheppard	6'3"	239	Sr.	LSU
CB	Stephon Gilmore	6'1"	188	So.	South Carolina
CB	Patrick Peterson	6'1"	211	Jr.	LSU
S	Mark Barron	6'2"	214	Jr.	Alabama
S	Ahmad Black	5'9"	189	Sr.	Florida

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Blair Walsh	5'10"	185	Jr.	Georgia
P	Drew Butler	6'2"	203	Jr.	Georgia
KR	Warren Norman	5'10"	192	So.	Vanderbilt
PR	Randall Cobb	5'11"	191	Jr.	Kentucky

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Greg McElroy	6'3"	220	Sr.	Alabama
RB	Jeff Demps	5'8"	184	Jr.	Florida
RB	Trent Richardson	5'11"	220	So.	Alabama
WR	Joe Adams	5'11"	182	Jr.	Arkansas
WR	Julio Jones	6'4"	211	Jr.	Alabama
TE	Weslye Saunders	6'6"	273	Sr.	South Carolina
C	Ben Jones	6'3"	300	Jr.	Georgia
OL	Joseph Barksdale	6'5"	315	Sr.	LSU
OL	James Carpenter	6'5"	300	Sr.	Alabama
OL	Carl Johnson	6'5"	360	Sr.	Florida
OL	DeMarcus Love	6'5"	315	Sr.	Arkansas
AP	Russell Shepard	6'1"	188	So.	LSU

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Drake Nevis	6'1"	292	Sr.	LSU
DL	Jerrell Powe	6'2"	330	Sr.	Ole Miss
DL	Justin Trattou	6'3"	252	Sr.	Florida
DL	Chris Walker	6'3"	241	Sr.	Tennessee
LB	A.J. Jones	6'1"	226	Sr.	Florida
LB	Justin Houston	6'3"	259	Jr.	Georgia
LB	Craig Stevens	6'3"	224	Sr.	Auburn
CB	Brandon Boykin	5'10"	185	Jr.	Georgia
CB	Janoris Jenkins	5'11"	186	Jr.	Florida
S	Will Hill	6'1"	204	Jr.	Florida
S	Janzen Jackson	6'0"	181	So.	Tennessee

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Josh Jasper	5'11"	160	Sr.	LSU
P	Chas Henry	6'3"	222	Sr.	Florida
KR	Brandon Boykin	5'10"	185	Jr.	Georgia
PR	Julio Jones	6'4"	211	Jr.	Alabama



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**OFFENSE** When you lose one of the best players ever to play the game as well as your top two pass-catchers, it's difficult to think you'll be excited about your team's offense. But there is definitely a buzz around the Gator Nation, because it's finally John Brantley's turn. The strong-armed quarterback waited three years behind Tim Tebow to get his chance.

Brantley figures to be one of the best pure passers in the conference, but nobody knows how he'll handle the pressures of being the starter at Florida. One thing is for sure: He'll have plenty of weapons to chose from. Florida is loaded at running back and boasts a solid offensive line that returns four starters, most notably guard-turned-center Mike Pouncey.

Brantley will be looking to establish a go-to receiver among a group of quality athletes. Deonte Thompson and Carl Moore are the top candidates. Chris Rainey, a former running back, and redshirt freshman Andre Debose will be used in the slot, similar to the role that Percy Harvin played two years ago.

one of those spots full time. While Florida is loaded at defensive tackle, the linebacker position is up for grabs with a half-dozen players vying for starting spots.

In the secondary, Florida has an all-conference performer in cornerback Janoris Jenkins, but the other corner spot is wide open. With Ahmad Black and Will Hill manning the safety spots, the deep area is covered. True freshman Matt Elam, one of the gems of the 2010 recruiting class, will be in when the Gators use five defensive backs.

**SPECIALISTS** Chas Henry may be one of the best-kept secrets in the country because the Gators don't punt much. But his hang time is a big reason teams don't return punts against Florida. Caleb Sturgis has the leg to make 60-yard field goals but must improve on his consistency. After four years of Brandon James returning every significant punt and kick, UF will turn to Rainey to fill the void this season.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Despite a very orange and blue NFL Draft, the cupboard is hardly bare at Florida. The Gators have the most talented team in the SEC East but will need young players to blossom into their new roles. With games in Knoxville, Tuscaloosa and Tallahassee, these kids will be tested plenty.

It's clear, however, that coach Urban Meyer likes the 2010 Gators. "I've got a team with a chip on its shoulder," he says. "That's exciting to have again."

The coach, too, might have a chip on his shoulder, eager to prove that he can handle the stress of the job after his bizarre flip-flop last December. The Meyer who appeared gaunt and listless in New Orleans during Sugar Bowl week has been replaced by a stronger, motivated coach who is ready for his sixth season in Gainesville.

Of course, he hasn't lost a game yet in 2010.



JEFF DEMPS

### THE QUOTE

"You just don't know what's going on with (Urban Meyer). He announces that he's done, and then 24 hours later he's just going to take a leave of absence. It was just an odd deal. It still is an odd deal."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	6 Deonte Thompson (Jr.)	85 Frankie Hammond (So.)
WR	9 Carl Moore (Sr.)	7 Justin Williams (Sr.)
WR	3 Chris Rainey (Jr.)	4 Andre Debose (Fr.)
LT	76 Marcus Gilbert (Sr.)	77 Ian Silberman (Fr.)
LG	66 James Wilson (Jr.)	74 Maurice Hurt (Sr.)
C	55 Mike Pouncey (Sr.)	50 Sam Robey (So.)
RG	57 Carl Johnson (Sr.)	72 Jonathan Harrison (Fr.)
RT	73 Xavier Nixon (So.)	58 Nick Alajajian (Fr.)
TE	11 Jordan Reed (Fr.)	32 Gerald Christian (Fr.)
QB	12 John Brantley (Jr.)	13 Trey Burton (Fr.)
RB	2 Jeff Demps (Jr.)	21 Emmanuel Moody (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	96 William Green (Jr.)	91 Earl Okine (So.)
DT	90 Lawrence Marsh (Sr.)	99 Omar Hunter (So.)
DT	92 Terron Sanders (Sr.)	6 Jaye Howard (Jr.)
DE	94 Justin Trattou (Sr.)	44 Duke Lemmens (Sr.)
LB	16 A.J. Jones (Sr.)	26 Lorenzo Edwards (Sr.)
LB	52 Jon Bostic (So.)	43 Jelani Jenkins (Fr.)
LB	40 Brandon Hicks (Sr.)	54 Brendan Beal (So.)
CB	1 Janoris Jenkins (Jr.)	29 Joshua Shaw (Fr.)
CB	28 Jeremy Brown (So.)	27 Adrian Bushell (So.)
SS	35 Ahmad Black (Sr.)	22 Matt Elam (Fr.)
FS	10 Will Hill (Jr.)	24 Josh Evans (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	19 Caleb Sturgis (Jr.)	KR	3 Chris Rainey (Jr.)
P	17 Chas Henry (Sr.)	PR	3 Chris Rainey (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: John Brantley, 48-36-410-0, 7 TDs

Rushing: Jeff Demps, 99 car., 745 yds., 7 TDs

Receiving: Deonte Thompson, 24 rec., 343 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Ahmad Black, 70, 36 solo

Sacks: Brandon Hicks, 4

Interceptions: A.J. Jones, 3 for 1 yd.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Florida finished No. 2 in the SEC in four key defensive stats — scoring defense, total defense, rush defense and pass efficiency defense. Alabama, the SEC champs, finished first in all four.

And just because Tebow is gone, don't expect the Gators to abandon the quarterback draw. True freshman Trey Burton and redshirt freshman Jordan Reed, who will double as the starting tight end, will both take short-yardage snaps.

**DEFENSE** There are plenty of questions surrounding a defense that lost six starters, but as usual there is no shortage of athletes to step in.

The Gators will be looking to replace both defensive ends and hope Justin Trattou, a situational player in the past, is ready to man

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Miami (Ohio)
Sept. 11	South Florida
Sept. 18	at Tennessee
Sept. 25	Kentucky
Oct. 2	at Alabama
Oct. 9	LSU
Oct. 16	Mississippi State
Oct. 30	#Georgia
Nov. 6	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 13	South Carolina
Nov. 20	Appalachian State
Nov. 27	at Florida State
	#Jacksonville, FL

### 2009 RESULTS (13-1, 8-0)

Sept. 5	Charleston Southern	W	62-3
Sept. 12	Troy	W	56-6
Sept. 19	Tennessee	W	23-13
Sept. 26	at Kentucky	W	41-7
Oct. 10	at LSU	W	13-3
Oct. 17	Arkansas	W	23-20
Oct. 24	at Mississippi State	W	29-19
Oct. 31	vs. Georgia (Jacksonville)	W	41-17
Nov. 7	Vanderbilt	W	27-3
Nov. 14	at South Carolina	W	24-14
Nov. 21	FIU	W	62-3
Nov. 28	Florida State	W	37-10
Dec. 5	vs. Alabama (Atlanta)	L	13-32
Jan. 1	#Cincinnati	W	51-24
	#Sugar Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	35.9 ppg	2	10
Rushing	221.8 ypg	2	10
Passing	236.1 ypg	2	41
Total	457.9 ypg	1	6
Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	12.4 ppg	2	4
Rushing	99.8 ypg	2	12
Passing	152.8 ypg	1	2
Total	252.6 ypg	2	4
TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
+7	+0.50	3	24

HEAD COACH: URBAN MEYER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 57-10 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 96-18 (9 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE ADDAZIO CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: TERYL AUSTIN, CHUCK HEATER





**OFFENSE** Georgia returns eight starters on offense, one of the nation's top receivers (A.J. Green), two tailbacks who finished strong last season (Washaun Ealey and Caleb King) and a stellar line (led by All-SEC left tackle Clint Boling). The quarterback position, though, is a different story: Georgia has only one player who has ever taken a snap in a college game (Logan Gray) and no player who has ever started a college game. Redshirt freshman Aaron Murray, an Elite 11 MVP in high school, seems the likely starter.

What Georgia hopes will happen on offense is for its talented tailbacks and experienced line to take the pressure off an inexperienced quarterback, particularly early in the season. King has gone so far as to predict that both he and Ealey could rush for 1,000-plus yards.

traditional 4-3 defense to a 3-4 alignment. He inherits a unit that struggled colossally the past two seasons and lost much talent off last year's team, including All-SEC linebacker Rennie Curran and three stalwart tackles.

Grantham wants an aggressive, attacking defense that pressures the quarterback from all directions, but how well the inherited players fit his scheme remains to be seen.

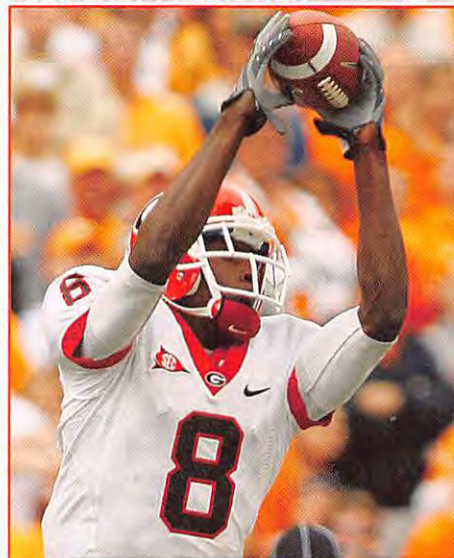
The defensive front has only one player with starting experience, end Demarcus Dobbs, and that was in a much different role in the 4-3. At outside linebacker, the Bulldogs believe Justin Houston can be a dominant pass rusher. At inside linebacker, where the depth is pretty good, Akeem Dent and Christian Robinson had strong springs. In the secondary, the only returning starter is cornerback Brandon Boykin.

**SPECIALISTS** The Bulldogs boast perhaps the best kicking tandem in college football — punter Drew Butler, who won the Ray Guy Award last season, and placekicker Blair Walsh, who was among the three finalists for the Lou Groza Award. Boykin is a scintillating kickoff returner; last season he had two 100-yard returns for touchdowns.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Georgia is attempting to rebound from an 8-5 season, its worst under Richt, who has two SEC championships in nine years as the Bulldogs' coach. To rebound from a disappointing 2009, two things must happen, for starters: fewer turnovers and fewer penalties.

If the team can remedy those two areas of glaring deficiency, then the big question marks for 2010 will boil down to the following: How solidly can the defense play in the first season in Grantham's system? And how solid will the quarterback play be?

The Bulldogs will learn a lot about themselves in the season's second and third weeks, with a Sept. 11 trip to South Carolina and a Sept. 18 visit from Arkansas.



A.J. GREEN

### THE QUOTE

"This is a big year for them. If they can find someone to play quarterback, they can challenge Florida in the East. If not, they will be good but not great."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	12 Tavarres King (So.)	16 Kris Durham (Sr.)
FL	8 A.J. Green (Jr.)	17 Rantavious Wooten (So.)
LT	60 Clint Boling (Sr.)	77 Trinton Sturdivant (Jr.)
LG	71 Cordy Glenn (Jr.)	54 Tanner Strickland (Jr.)
C	61 Ben Jones (Jr.)	68 Chris Burnette (Fr.)
RG	63 Chris Davis (Sr.)	76 Ben Harden (Jr.)
RT	78 Josh Davis (Sr.)	67 Jonathan Owens (So.)
TE	7 Orson Charles (So.)	81 Aron White (Jr.)
QB	11 Aaron Murray (Fr.)	6 Logan Gray (Jr.)
FB	49 Shaun Chapas (Sr.)	48 Fred Munzenmaier (Sr.)
TB	3 Washaun Ealey (So.)	4 Caleb King (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

LE	93 Abry Jones (So.)	97 Brandon Wood (Sr.)
NT	94 DeAngelo Tyson (Jr.)	79 Justin Anderson (Jr.)
RE	58 Demarcus Dobbs (Sr.)	75 Kiante Tripp (Sr.)
OLB	83 Cornelius Washington (So.)	50 Darryl Gamble (Sr.)
ILB	51 Akeem Dent (Sr.)	35 Mike Gilliard (So.)
ILB	45 Christian Robinson (So.)	38 Marcus Dowtin (Jr.)
OLB	42 Justin Houston (Jr.)	95 Reuben Faloughi (Fr.)
CB	2 Brandon Boykin (Jr.)	19 Sanders Commings (So.)
CB	25 Vance Cuff (Sr.)	1 Branden Smith (So.)
SS	39 Nick Williams (Jr.)	23 Jakar Hamilton (Jr.)
FS	18 Bacarri Rambo (So.)	31 Quintin Banks (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	57 Blair Walsh (Jr.)	KR	2 Brandon Boykin (Jr.)
P	13 Drew Butler (Jr.)	PR	1 Branden Smith (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Logan Gray, 12-5-31-2, 0 TD  
Rushing: Washaun Ealey, 125 car, 717 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: A.J. Green, 53 rec., 808 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Marcus Dowtin, 57, 24 solo  
Sacks: Justin Houston, 7.5

Interceptions: Brandon Boykin, 3 for 3 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

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Georgia's once-ferocious defense has struggled in recent years. The Bulldogs have given up 34 points or more 10 times in the past two seasons.

Over the long haul, of course, the quarterback also will have to make plays, and other receivers will have to complement Green. If Georgia gets reasonably reliable play from its quarterback, the offense should improve from an erratic 2009, when the Bulldogs ranked 75th nationally with 362.2 yards per game.

**DEFENSE** Georgia coach Mark Richt blew up his defensive staff after last season, firing three of four assistants on that side of the ball. The replacements are Todd Grantham, hired from the Dallas Cowboys as defensive coordinator; Scott Lakatos from Connecticut as secondary coach; and Warren Belin from Vanderbilt as inside linebackers coach.

Grantham has his work cut out for him as he transforms the Bulldogs from their

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	UL Lafayette
Sept. 11	at South Carolina
Sept. 18	Arkansas
Sept. 25	at Mississippi State
Oct. 2	at Colorado
Oct. 9	Tennessee
Oct. 16	Vanderbilt
Oct. 23	at Kentucky
Oct. 30	#Florida
Nov. 6	Idaho State
Nov. 13	at Auburn
Nov. 27	Georgia Tech
	#Jacksonville, FL

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 5-4)

Sept. 5	at Oklahoma State	L	10-24
Sept. 12	South Carolina	W	41-37
Sept. 19	at Arkansas	W	52-41
Sept. 26	Arizona State	W	20-17
Oct. 3	LSU	L	13-20
Oct. 10	at Tennessee	L	19-45
Oct. 17	at Vanderbilt	W	34-10
Oct. 31	Florida (Jacksonville)	L	17-41
Nov. 7	Tennessee Tech	W	38-0
Nov. 14	Auburn	W	31-24
Nov. 21	Kentucky	L	27-34
Nov. 28	at Georgia Tech	W	30-24
Dec. 28	#Texas A&M	W	44-20
	#Independence Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.9 ppg	7	51
Rushing	161.0 ypg	7	47
Passing	201.2 ypg	7	80
Total	362.2 ypg	8	75
Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	25.9 ppg	10	63
Rushing	126.2 ypg	3	36
Passing	213.2 ypg	9	51
Total	339.4 ypg	7	38
TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
-16	-1.23	12	118

HEAD COACH: MARK RICHT RECORD AT SCHOOL: 90-27 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 90-27 (9 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE BOBO DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TODD GRANTHAM



**OFFENSE** Three years ago, Joker Phillips was the coordinator of one of college football's most exciting offenses. Now, he's the first-year coach of a Kentucky program that saw its offense stagnate the past two seasons.

Much of that was due to inconsistent quarterback play and overall inexperience. The latter problem shouldn't be an excuse this season with veterans in the backfield and at receiver. Even four new starters on the offensive line have considerable experience as backups.

Quarterback, however, remains a question. There's no shortage of options. Senior Mike Hartline has been the starter at the beginning of each of the past two seasons. Sophomore Morgan Newton took over last season after Hartline suffered a knee injury, and he led the Wildcats to wins at Auburn and Georgia and got them to the Music City Bowl. Redshirt freshman Ryan Mossakowski has a big arm, but no experience.

**DEFENSE** Kentucky's biggest question marks are here. The Wildcats lost their best lineman (tackle Corey Peters), their top two linebackers (Micah Johnson and Sam Maxwell) and a cornerback (Trevard Lindley) who ranks among the best ever to play at the school.

The rebuilding blocks should be defensive end DeQuin Evans and outside linebacker Qua Huzzie. Defensive coordinator Steve Brown will fill in some new pieces around them.

The front seven will be undersized and inexperienced, but injury-prone Ricky Lumpkin has experience at tackle, and junior tackle Mark Crawford had a big spring. There will be position battles at middle linebacker and one outside spot.

If there's a defensive strength, it could be in the secondary. Randall Burden replaces Lindley and is looking for a breakout year, and safety Winston Guy will try to live up to his reputation as perhaps Kentucky's top pro prospect.



RANDALL COBB

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Kentucky has won at least seven games in four consecutive seasons. The last time that happened was about 100 years ago, from 1909-1912.

"I don't know how many times in school history we've had the luxury of having (multiple) quarterbacks who have been productive and have winning records as starters and have won on the road in the SEC," offensive coordinator Randy Sanders says. "That's a nice luxury to have."

Whoever is the quarterback — Hartline was the leader coming out of spring practice — will have some weapons in senior tailback Derrick Locke and wide receivers Chris Matthews and Randall Cobb, who also will line up at quarterback in what Kentucky calls the WildCobb offense.

**SPECIALISTS** Departed kicker Lones Seiber was a lightning rod for fan criticism, but he left UK as its all-time scoring leader and with no heir apparent. So kicking duties could fall to ballyhooed recruit Joe Mansour, an all-state pick in Georgia last season. Mansour also could compete with junior Ryan Tydlacka for punting duties. The return game is stacked, with Locke and Cobb among the biggest threats.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Phillips inherits a Kentucky program that has been to four straight bowl games, but also is 12-20 against SEC teams in that stretch, including 0-12 against Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee. The schedule is forgiving enough that the Wildcats can make a fifth straight bowl game, but the defense isn't strong enough for Phillips to give Cats fans the breakout season they crave.

## THE QUOTE

"Randall Cobb is a great example of a guy who doesn't beat you with lightning speed. He just makes plays. He knows how to play the game."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

## OFFENSE (5)

WR	18 Randall Cobb (Jr.)	16 La'Rod King (So.)
WR	8 Chris Matthews (Sr.)	19 E.J. Fields (So.)
LT	66 Chandler Burden (Jr.)	52 Billy Joe Murphy (Jr.)
LG	70 Stuart Hines (Jr.)	63 Jake Lanefski (Jr.)
C	69 Matt Smith (So.)	56 Sam Simpson (Fr.)
RG	67 Larry Warford (So.)	59 Dave Ullinski (So.)
RT	75 Brad Durham (Sr.)	74 Trevino Woods (So.)
TE	42 Nick Melillo (Jr.)	82 Anthony Kendrick (Fr.)
QB	5 Mike Hartline (Sr.)	12 Morgan Newton (So.)
FB	30 Moncell Allen (Sr.)	37 Greg Meisner (Jr.)
TB	20 Derrick Locke (Sr.)	23 Donald Russell (So.)

## DEFENSE (6)

LE	55 DeQuin Evans (Sr.)	95 Patrick Ligon (Fr.)
LT	53 Ricky Lumpkin (Sr.)	98 Mark Crawford (Jr.)
RT	92 Shane McCord (Sr.)	97 Mister Cobble (Fr.)
RE	94 Taylor Wyndham (So.)	96 Collins Ukwu (So.)
WLB	22 Danny Trevathan (Jr.)	39 William Johnson (So.)
MLB	2 Qua Huzzie (Fr.)	46 Ronnie Sneed (Jr.)
SLB	57 Jacob Dufrene (Sr.)	48 Ridge Wilson (So.)
CB	34 Paul Warford (Sr.)	15 Martavius Neloms (So.)
CB	24 Randall Burden (Jr.)	35 Cartier Rice (So.)
SS	6 Taiedo Smith (Jr.)	11 Greg Wilson (Jr.)
FS	21 Winston Guy (Jr.)	17 Jarvis Walker (Fr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Joe Mansour (Fr.)	KR	20 Derrick Locke (Sr.)
P	9 Ryan Tydlacka (Jr.)	PR	18 Randall Cobb (Jr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Morgan Newton, 135-75-706-3, 6 TDs  
Rushing: Derrick Locke, 195 car., 907 yds., 6 TDs  
Receiving: Randall Cobb, 39 rec., 447 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Danny Trevathan, 82, 43 solo  
Sacks: DeQuin Evans, 6

Interceptions: Randall Burden, 2 for 58 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Louisville
Sept. 11	Western Kentucky
Sept. 18	Akron
Sept. 25	at Florida
Oct. 2	at Ole Miss
Oct. 9	Auburn
Oct. 16	South Carolina
Oct. 23	Georgia
Oct. 30	at Mississippi State
Nov. 6	Charleston Southern
Nov. 13	Vanderbilt
Nov. 27	at Tennessee

## 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 3-5)

Sept. 5	%Miami (Ohio)	W	42-0
Sept. 19	Louisville	W	31-27
Sept. 26	Florida	L	7-41
Oct. 3	Alabama	L	20-38
Oct. 10	at South Carolina	L	26-28
Oct. 17	at Auburn	W	21-14
Oct. 24	UL Monroe	W	36-13
Oct. 31	Mississippi State	L	24-31
Nov. 7	Eastern Kentucky	W	37-12
Nov. 14	at Vanderbilt	W	24-13
Nov. 21	at Georgia	W	34-27
Nov. 28	Tennessee	L	24-30
Dec. 27	#Clemson	L	13-21
	% Cincinnati		
	#Music City Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	26.1 ppg	8	69	
Rushing	191.2 ypg	5	21	
Passing	140.3 ypg	12	114	
Total	331.5 ypg	10	93	
	Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.7 ppg	7	43	
Rushing	182.9 ypg	11	100	
Passing	176.8 ypg	7	17	
Total	359.7 ypg	8	53	
	TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
	+2	+0.15	7	51

HEAD COACH: JOKER PHILLIPS RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: RANDY SANDERS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE BROWN





# SOUTH CAROLINA

## GAMECOCKS

COLUMBIA, S.C. WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The clock is ticking on Steve Spurrier's chances to win an SEC title at South Carolina. The Ol' Ball Coach turned 65 during the offseason, and there might never be a better opportunity than the present.

The road to Atlanta and the SEC title game does not look quite as daunting with Florida, Georgia and Tennessee all breaking in new quarterbacks. But Spurrier isn't satisfied with his own quarterback, Stephen Garcia, who was the conference's second-leading passer. Spurrier wants Garcia to be more committed to film study and game preparation. Garcia started all 13 games last year, marking only the sixth time a Spurrier quarterback has made it through an entire season without being yanked. But after true freshman Connor Shaw had a strong showing in his first spring practice, the odds of Garcia going the distance again seem slim.

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The Gamecocks have averaged seven wins per season in five years under Steve Spurrier, who has not posted a winning SEC record since 2005, his first season in Columbia.

Former Appalachian State assistant Shawn Elliott is the Gamecocks' third offensive line coach in as many years. He inherits a group that allowed 37 sacks in 2009, tied with LSU for most in the SEC. "If we're going to have a big year, our quarterback's got to really play well," Spurrier says. "And our line's got to play well."

Spurrier, who will continue calling plays after resuming that role late last season, hopes freshman tailback Marcus Lattimore will revive a rushing attack that has been the SEC's worst three years in a row.

**DEFENSE** The Gamecocks should again rank among the SEC's top defenses. Defensive chief Ellis Johnson returns a host of playmakers, led by energetic end Cliff Matthews. South

Carolina has a pair of all-conference-caliber linemen in the always-hustling Matthews and tackle Ladi Ajiboye, one of the most underrated players in the SEC.

Linebacker Shaq Wilson, the Gamecocks' leading tackler in '09, shifts from the middle to departed All-American Eric Norwood's outside spot. Concerned about the lack of a proven pass-rusher besides Matthews, Johnson hopes Wilson can be effective in blitz packages.

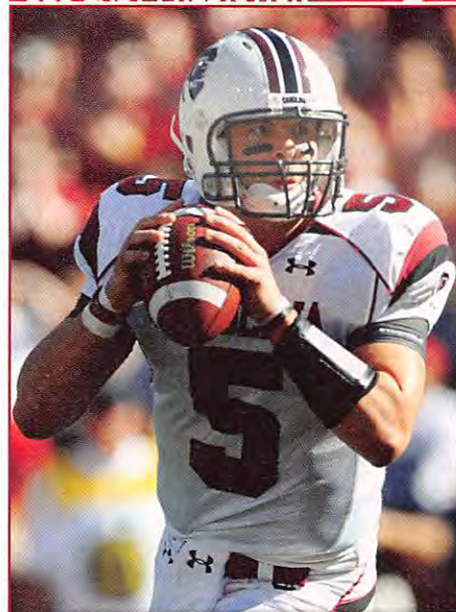
The Gamecocks dropped 18 interceptions last season, and defensive backs came up with only three picks. The concern in the secondary is whether Chris Culliver, who moves from safety to corner and had offseason shoulder surgery, will return to form.

**SPECIALISTS** Spencer Lanning is a dependable kicker and punter, but he can't do it all. Kickoff specialist Adam Yates managed only one touchback last year as the Gamecocks ranked last in the SEC in kick coverage and allowed three returns for touchdowns. South Carolina is still looking for its first kick or punt return for a touchdown under Spurrier.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Garcia should be one of the SEC's top passers if he gets the time to throw. That could be a big if, given the offensive line play in recent years. The line is not without talent — tackle Jarriel King is projected as a high NFL Draft pick — but the group must get tougher.

Defensively, the Gamecocks need another impact player to emerge to take some of the pressure off Matthews. Safety DeVonte Holloman and cornerback Stephon Gilmore both have big-play abilities.

If Garcia takes the next step in his development, the line plays well and Lattimore is as good as advertised, the Gamecocks could have a special year. If the line falters and Spurrier starts juggling quarterbacks, South Carolina will stay in its usual spot in the middle of the SEC East pack.



STEPHEN GARCIA

### THE QUOTE

"If they get an offensive line, they will be good. They have not been good there."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	1 Alshon Jeffery (So.)	86 Stephen Flint (Jr.)
WR	81 Tori Gurley (So.)	18 Dion LeCorm (Sr.)
WR	4 Jason Barnes (Jr.)	82 D.L. Moore (So.)
LT	76 Jarriel King (Sr.)	68 Kyle Nunn (Jr.)
LG	77 Garrett Chisolm (Sr.)	73 Rokevious Watkins (Jr.)
C	55 T.J. Johnson (So.)	65 Ryan Broadhead (Jr.)
RG	60 Terrence Campbell (Sr.)	A.J. Cann (Fr.)
RT	66 Hutch Eckerson (Sr.)	72 Quintin Richardson (Jr.)
TE	88 Weslye Saunders (Sr.)	47 Patrick DiMarco (Sr.)
QB	5 Stephen Garcia (Jr.)	14 Connor Shaw (Fr.)
RB	Marcus Lattimore (Fr.)	31 Kenny Miles (So.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	83 Cliff Matthews (Sr.)	90 Chaz Sutton (Fr.)
DT	42 Travian Robertson (Jr.)	94 Kenny Davis (So.)
DT	91 Ladi Ajiboye (Sr.)	6 Melvin Ingram (Jr.)
DE	98 Devin Taylor (So.)	92 Byron McKnight (Jr.)
OLB	16 Shaq Wilson (Jr.)	44 Tony Straughter (Sr.)
MLB	45 Rodney Paulk (Sr.)	41 Josh Dickerson (Sr.)
SPUR	26 Antonio Allen (Jr.)	33 Damario Jeffery (So.)
CB	5 Stephon Gilmore (So.)	23 Brandon Davis (Jr.)
CB	17 Chris Culliver (Sr.)	12 C.C. Whitlock (Jr.)
SS	21 DeVonte Holloman (So.)	8 Corey Addison (Fr.)
FS	3 Akeem Augustine (Jr.)	36 D.J. Swearingin (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	34 Spencer Lanning (Sr.)	KR	22 Bryce Sherman (So.)
P	34 Spencer Lanning (Sr.)	PR	5 Stephon Gilmore (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Stephen Garcia, 432-239-2,862-10, 17 TDs

Rushing: Kenny Miles, 117 car., 626 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Alshon Jeffery, 46 rec., 763 yds., 6 TDs

Tackles: Shaq Wilson, 85, 47 solo

Sacks: Cliff Matthews, 7

Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Southern Miss
Sept. 11	Georgia
Sept. 18	Furman
Sept. 25	at Auburn
Oct. 9	Alabama
Oct. 16	at Kentucky
Oct. 23	at Vanderbilt
Oct. 30	Tennessee
Nov. 6	Arkansas
Nov. 13	at Florida
Nov. 20	Troy
Nov. 27	at Clemson

### 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 3-5)

Sept. 3	at NC State	W	7-3
Sept. 12	at Georgia	L	37-41
Sept. 19	Florida Atlantic	W	38-16
Sept. 24	Ole Miss	W	16-10
Oct. 3	South Carolina State	W	38-14
Oct. 10	Kentucky	W	28-26
Oct. 17	at Alabama	L	6-20
Oct. 24	Vanderbilt	W	14-10
Oct. 31	at Tennessee	L	13-31
Nov. 7	at Arkansas	L	16-33
Nov. 14	Florida	L	14-24
Nov. 28	Clemson	W	34-17
Jan. 2	#Connecticut	L	7-20

#PapaJohns.com Bowl

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	20.6 ppg	11	102
Rushing	121.2 ypg	12	91
Passing	226.2 ypg	4	47
Total	347.4 ypg	9	82

Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	20.4 ppg	5	24
Rushing	137.7 ypg	5	52
Passing	163.0 ypg	2	8
Total	300.7 ypg	3	15

TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
-4	-0.31	9	81

HEAD COACH: STEVE SPURRIER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 35-28 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 177-68-2 (20 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE SPURRIER ASST. HEAD COACH DEFENSE: ELLIS JOHNSON



KNOXVILLE, TENN. NEYLAND STADIUM (100,011)

**OFFENSE** Like any good coach, Derek Dooley plans to play to his team's strengths while minimizing its weaknesses. If only Dooley knew for certain what the team's strengths will be.

Tennessee's offensive line, while big and athletic, has only one returning lineman with SEC starting experience. The Vols are even more green at quarterback with junior college signee Matt Simms and freshman Tyler Bray new to the team. Simms, son of Super Bowl MVP Phil Simms, came out of spring drills with the upper hand in the battle for the starting job. Bray grew as a player after enrolling at midterm, showing off his strong, accurate arm, but he has yet to grow into his 6'6" frame, weighing in at only 192 pounds.

There simply isn't a dynamic answer in the backfield. Neither of the returning tailbacks, Tauren Poole nor David Oku, has rushed for 100 yards in a season. Poole is a hard-nosed runner who gets what's there but has yet to exhibit the breakaway speed needed for game-changing plays. Oku, while fleet afoot, has a tendency to bounce runs prematurely.

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Tennessee is in need of stability with Dooley, the team's third head coach over the past three years. Prior to Lane Kiffin, the Volunteers had three head coaches over 39 years.

Tennessee, however, has big-play potential at receiver. Gerald Jones and Denarius Moore provide reliable hands and playmaking ability, and in Luke Stocker the Vols have one of the top tight ends in the nation. UT also had an impressive recruiting haul at wide receiver, landing Georgia Player of the Year Da'Rick Rogers along with Under Armour All-American Justin Hunter.

**DEFENSE** Tennessee returns only four defensive linemen who weigh over 280 pounds. Sophomore nose tackle Montori Hughes is a

force at 6'4", 317, but there's not much proven depth behind him. UT hopes to compensate with talent and depth at both end spots. In fact, seniors Chris Walker, Ben Martin and Gerald Williams are talented enough that new coordinator Justin Wilcox has experimented with a 3-4 alignment.

Tennessee's linebacking corps is solid but not sensational. Seniors Nick Reveiz and Savion Frazier both return from season-ending knee injuries and possess great instincts. Sophomore Herman Lathers and senior LeMarcus Thompson have proven to be sturdy.

The secondary has an enormous void with the departure of All-American Eric Berry, but sophomore safety Janzen Jackson is a hard-hitting talent expected to do big things. Sophomore Darren Myles Jr. comes off an impressive spring camp ready to make plays beside Jackson. Cornerback Art Evans, back from a shoulder injury, represents UT's best cover man.

**SPECIALISTS** Dooley doesn't give lip service when he talks about special teams; he coordinated LSU's special teams for Nick Saban's Tigers when they won the 2003 national championship. Punter Chad Cunningham has proven to be consistent, and senior kicker Daniel Lincoln looks to get back to the All-America form he showed as a freshman. Both incumbents will face competition from incoming freshman Michael Palardy.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Vols must jell quickly as Pac-10 heavyweight Oregon comes to Knoxville on Sept. 11. That game could serve as an early indicator of how the Vols might fare against a brutal SEC schedule that, in addition to annual rivals Alabama, Florida and Georgia, includes a road trip to LSU.

With an undersized defense and a brand new quarterback and offensive line, getting to six wins and reaching a bowl game could be a struggle for Dooley's first Tennessee team.

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GERALD JONES

## THE QUOTE

"I think this could be a bumpy year for them. You've got a real young defensive coordinator. You see a lot of different offenses and better players in this league."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

## OFFENSE (4)

WR	6 Denarius Moore (Sr.)	Da'Rick Rogers (Fr.)
WR	4 Gerald Jones (Sr.)	10 Marcellis Teague (So.)
LT	71 Dallas Thomas (So.)	76 Daniel Hood (Fr.)
LG	75 JerQuari Schofield (Fr.)	63 Kevin Revis (Fr.)
C	77 Cody Pope (Jr.)	52 Victor Thomas (Sr.)
RG	74 Jarrod Shaw (Sr.)	60 Carson Anderson (So.)
RT	70 Ja'Wuan James (Fr.)	73 Chase Phillips (Fr.)
TE	88 Luke Stocker (Sr.)	39 Ben Bartholomew (Jr.)
QB	2 Matt Simms (Jr.)	8 Tyler Bray (Fr.)
FB	45 Kevin Cooper (Sr.)	46 Channing Fugate (Fr.)
TB	28 Tauren Poole (Jr.)	27 David Oku (So.)

## DEFENSE (5)

LE	99 Ben Martin (Sr.)	57 Gerald Williams (Sr.)
DT	58 Marlon Walls (So.)	98 Rae Sykes (Jr.)
NT	93 Montori Hughes (So.)	97 Chase Nelson (Sr.)
RE	84 Chris Walker (Sr.)	86 Willie Bohannon (So.)
SLB	42 LeMarcus Thompson (Sr.)	9 Daryl Vereen (Jr.)
MLB	56 Nick Reveiz (Sr.)	40 Austin Johnson (Jr.)
WLB	43 Savion Frazier (Sr.)	34 Herman Lathers (So.)
CB	25 Art Evans (Jr.)	12 Naz Oliver (Fr.)
CB	24 Eric Gordon (Fr.)	36 Anthony Anderson (Jr.)
FS	3 Darren Myles Jr. (So.)	22 Rod Wilks (So.)
SS	15 Janzen Jackson (So.)	23 Prentiss Waggner (So.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	26 Daniel Lincoln (Sr.)	KR	27 David Oku (So.)
P	96 Chad Cunningham (Sr.)	PR	15 Janzen Jackson (So.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Gerald Jones, 1-0-0-0, 0 TD

Rushing: David Oku, 23 car., 94 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Gerald Jones, 46 rec., 680 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: Herman Lathers, 52, 28 solo

Sacks: Chris Walker, 6

Interceptions: Chris Walker, 2 for 7 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Tennessee-Martin
Sept. 11	Oregon
Sept. 18	Florida
Sept. 25	UAB
Oct. 2	at LSU
Oct. 9	at Georgia
Oct. 23	Alabama
Oct. 30	at South Carolina
Nov. 6	at Memphis
Nov. 13	Ole Miss
Nov. 20	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 27	Kentucky

## 2009 RESULTS (7-6, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Western Kentucky	W	63-7
Sept. 12	UCLA	L	15-19
Sept. 19	at Florida	L	13-23
Sept. 26	Ohio	W	34-23
Oct. 3	Auburn	L	22-26
Oct. 10	Georgia	W	45-19
Oct. 24	at Alabama	L	10-12
Oct. 31	South Carolina	W	31-13
Nov. 7	Memphis	W	56-28
Nov. 14	at Ole Miss	L	17-42
Nov. 21	Vanderbilt	W	31-16
Nov. 28	at Kentucky	W (ot)	30-24
Dec. 31	#Virginia Tech	L	14-37
	#Chick-fil-A Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.3 ppg	6	43
Rushing	157.2 ypg	9	54
Passing	226.3 ypg	3	46
Total	383.5 ypg	6	60

Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.2 ppg	6	38
Rushing	149.5 ypg	8	65
Passing	169.2 ypg	5	12
Total	318.8 ypg	5	22

TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
+3	+0.23	6	46

HEAD COACH: DEREK DOOLEY RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 17-20 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIM CHANEY DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JUSTIN WILCOX





# VANDERBILT

NASHVILLE, TENN. VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773)

## COMMODORES

**OFFENSE** Vanderbilt's issues on offense went far deeper than any one position, but it's fair to say that the Commodores did not receive stellar play from their quarterback. Larry Smith, in his first season as a starter, completed only 46.7 percent of his passes for 1,126 yards in the team's no-huddle attack. Smith was No. 1 on the depth chart coming out of spring practice, but he will be pushed by Jordan Rodgers. The younger brother of Packers star Aaron Rodgers is a junior college transfer who enrolled at Vanderbilt in January.

Vanderbilt is stocked with its deepest crop of tailbacks since Gerry DiNardo was running the I-Bone in the early 1990s. Warren Norman earned SEC Freshman of the Year honors after rushing for 783 yards on 145 carries and scoring three touchdowns in the return game, but many believe he wasn't even the best freshman tailback on the roster last fall. Zac Stacy earned the starting job out of preseason camp but suffered a high ankle sprain at LSU in Week 2 that slowed him the rest of the year.

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Vanderbilt's offense had only three touchdown-scoring drives that went for more than 35 yards in its eight SEC games.

It's never a good sign when your leading receiver ranks 19th in the conference in yards per game. But that was the case for the Commodores in 2009, who were led by John Cole's 36 catches and 382 yards. Don't be surprised if several true freshmen play their way onto the field in the fall.

There's a youth movement on the Vanderbilt offensive line — and that might not be a bad thing. Last year's unit featured five veterans — four seniors and a junior who is no longer with the team — who combined to start 51 games but struggled to protect Smith in the passing game.

**DEFENSE** Two phrases that normally don't go together: Quality depth and the Vanderbilt defensive line. That, however, has been a reality over the past several seasons. Now, that depth will be tested. With veteran starters Steven Stone, Broderick Stewart and Greg Billinger lost to graduation and Adam Smotherman, a 12-game starter in '09, sidelined for at least the first month of the season with a torn ACL, the next wave of linemen will be asked to take on leading roles.

Chris Marve has progressed from scout team star to standout freshman to All-SEC linebacker in his three years at Vanderbilt. "Chris is serious about doing well every day," Johnson says. "He has the talent and the right mentality."

The secondary should be the strength of the Vanderbilt defense. Casey Hayward and Jamie Graham are All-SEC-caliber cornerbacks, and there is proven depth behind them. Sean Richardson was solid in his first season as a starting safety. He should be a star in Year 2.

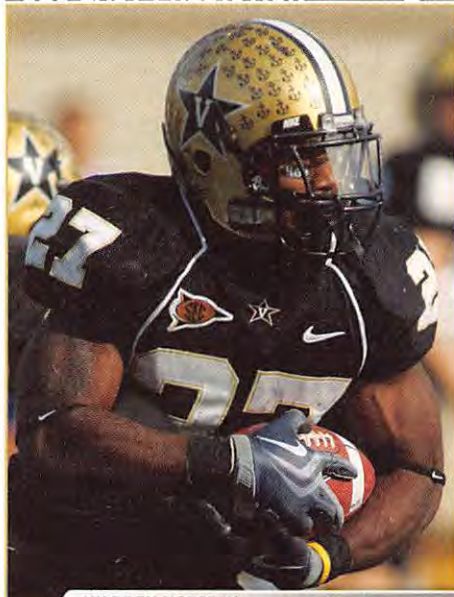
**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker Ryan Fowler got off to a slow start as a redshirt freshman, but he made 11 of his last 12 attempts, including his final four from 40-plus yards. Richard Kent, a former walk-on, will head into preseason camp as the No. 1 punter.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Will the real Vanderbilt Commodores please stand up? Are they the 2008 team that went 4-4 in the SEC and played in the school's first bowl game since 1982? Or are they the '09 club that limped to a 2-10 record that featured an 0-8 mark in SEC play?

As much as the '10 Commodores want to believe otherwise, the evidence suggests that it will be difficult for this team to finish anywhere but last in the brutal SEC East. The defense, as usual, should be solid, but Vanderbilt's epic struggles on offense figure to continue for a third straight season.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC EAST PREDICTION

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WARREN NORMAN

### THE QUOTE

"They got a steal out of (Warren Norman). He's a weapon. He showed it returning kicks last year and on the offensive side of the ball."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	83 John Cole (So.)	Chris Boyd (Fr.)
WR	23 Udom Umoh (Jr.)	88 Brady Brown (Fr.)
LT	62 Ryan Seymour (So.)	67 Wesley Johnson (Fr.)
LG	72 Kyle Fischer (Jr.)	57 Jabo Burrow (So.)
C	71 Joey Bailey (Sr.)	55 Rob Ashabanner (Jr.)
RG	78 Caleb Welchans (So.)	63 Chris Aaron (Sr.)
RT	77 James Williams (Jr.)	50 Mylon Brown (So.)
TE	6 Brandon Barden (Jr.)	86 Austin Monahan (Jr.)
QB	10 Larry Smith (Jr.)	11 Jordan Rodgers (Jr.)
RB	5 Warren Norman (So.)	24 Wesley Tate (Fr.)
RB	2 Zac Stacy (So.)	28 Kennard Reeves (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	42 Tim Fugger (Jr.)	98 Johnell Thomas (So.)
DT	74 T.J. Greenstone (Jr.)	58 Colt Nichter (So.)
DT	84 Rob Lohr (So.)	54 Taylor Loftley (So.)
DE	89 Terrial Brannon (Sr.)	91 Theron Kadri (Sr.)
WLB	32 Tristan Strong (So.)	18 Dexter Daniels (So.)
MLB	13 Chris Marve (Jr.)	47 DeAndre Jones (So.)
SLB	49 John Stokes (Sr.)	15 Archibald Barnes (So.)
CB	19 Casey Hayward (Jr.)	8 Trey Wilson (So.)
CB	25 Jamie Graham (Jr.)	22 Eric Samuels (So.)
SS	38 Sean Richardson (Jr.)	37 Al Owens (So.)
FS	33 Jay Fullam (Fr.)	27 Kenny Ladler (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	48 Ryan Fowler (So.)	KR	5 Warren Norman (So.)
P	94 Richard Kent (So.)	PR	2 Zac Stacy (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Larry Smith, 227-106-1,126-7, 4 TDs  
Rushing: Warren Norman, 145 car., 783 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: John Cole, 36 rec., 382 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Chris Marve, 121, 57 solo  
Sacks: Theron Kadri, 3  
Interceptions: Three players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Northwestern
Sept. 11	LSU
Sept. 18	at Ole Miss
Oct. 2	at Connecticut
Oct. 9	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 16	at Georgia
Oct. 23	South Carolina
Oct. 30	at Arkansas
Nov. 6	Florida
Nov. 13	at Kentucky
Nov. 20	Tennessee
Nov. 27	Wake Forest

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 0-8)

Sept. 5	Western Carolina	W	45-0
Sept. 12	at LSU	L	9-23
Sept. 19	Mississippi State	L	3-15
Sept. 26	at Rice	W	36-17
Oct. 3	Ole Miss	L	7-23
Oct. 10	at Army	L (ot)	13-16
Oct. 17	Georgia	L	10-34
Oct. 24	at South Carolina	L	10-14
Oct. 31	Georgia Tech	L	31-56
Nov. 7	at Florida	L	3-27
Nov. 14	Kentucky	L	13-24
Nov. 21	at Tennessee	L	16-31

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	16.3 ppg	12	113
Rushing	160.0 ypg	8	49
Passing	146.3 ypg	10	112
Total	306.3 ypg	11	110

Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	23.3 ppg	8	46
Rushing	197.8 ypg	12	105
Passing	164.9 ypg	3	9
Total	362.8 ypg	9	56

TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
+3	+0.25	5	44

HEAD COACH: BOBBY JOHNSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 29-66 (8 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 89-102 (16 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIMMY KISER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JAMIE BRYANT





# ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA, ALA. BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM (101,000)

## CRIMSON TIDE

**OFFENSE** Experience and options shouldn't be a problem for offensive coordinator Jim McElwain, as Alabama returns eight offensive starters and every position coach from last year's national championship team. The list includes Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Mark Ingram, top receiver Julio Jones, a very capable backup tailback in Trent Richardson and quarterback Greg McElroy, who still hasn't lost a start since middle school.

"We feel confident out there. We're clicking," Ingram says. "It's not like we have to structure a whole new personality and everything. I think everybody is clicking right now. We're just picking up where we left off."

Alabama could have the nation's best two running backs in one backfield. Look for Richardson to get a larger share of the carries this season despite Ingram's overwhelming 2009 success. The Crimson Tide could also air it out a little more behind McElroy and a proven group of returning receivers. The one to watch is Jones, who is finally healthy after injuries limited him during the past offseason and for much of the 2009 season.

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Alabama has won 16 consecutive regular-season SEC games. The Tide's last league loss was a 17-10 defeat at Auburn in November 2007.

The unit's only questions are at tight end and on the offensive line, where Alabama must replace All-America left guard Mike Johnson and two-year starter Drew Davis at right tackle. Touted redshirt freshman D.J. Fluker is expected to step in and make a large impact.

**DEFENSE** The bulk of the senior-laden defense that carried Alabama's team to last season's title has departed, leaving plenty of holes to fill in 2010, though recruiting rankings suggest the new group of youngsters could

actually be better than the previous group. The entire starting defensive line is gone, though the three projected replacements have extensive playing time and 97 career tackles among them. In particular, end Marcell Dareus is poised for a breakout season after earning defensive MVP honors in the BCS title game. Sophomore Kerry Murphy is one to watch at the nosetackle spot vacated by All-American Terrence Cody.

Inside linebacker Dont'a Hightower recovered nicely from a season-ending knee injury suffered in the fourth game of the 2009 season and will lead this defense. The secondary lost every rotation player except safety Mark Barron, although five-star talents Dre Kirkpatrick and B.J. Scott, among others, are prepared to step in at cornerback.

"We lost a lot of seniors and a lot of veterans," Hightower says, "but I think with the young guys we have in this year, if we can teach them the techniques and the way to do things right, I feel like we have a little bit more talent this year than we did last year."

**SPECIALISTS** The biggest weakness on Alabama's team may be the kicking game, since the Tide must replace its kicker, punter and record-breaking return specialist Javier Arenas. No matter the selections, untested newcomers will be at kicker and punter. True freshmen Cade Foster (kicker) and Jay Williams (punter) lead the pack in each competition.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Despite significant losses on defense and special teams, there are few reasons to believe Alabama will be any worse in 2010. Three consecutive lights-out recruiting classes by Nick Saban and company have stocked the cupboards with the kind of depth and talent unseen in Tuscaloosa since the Paul "Bear" Bryant days. The schedule, however, looms tougher in 2010. A repeat run toward SEC and BCS titles is certainly possible, though not a given.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC WEST PREDICTION

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MARK INGRAM

### THE QUOTE

"The most challenging thing about Alabama is just how physical they are. You watch them compared to a lot of the other teams in the SEC, and they've just got the mentality and a physical-ness that you've got to match."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	8 Julio Jones (Jr.)	88 Mike Bowman (So.)
WR	4 Marquis Maze (Jr.)	82 Earl Alexander (Sr.)
WR	15 Darius Hanks (Sr.)	11 Brandon Gibson (Jr.)
LT	77 James Carpenter (Sr.)	72 Tyler Love (So.)
LG	65 Chance Warmack (Fr.)	61 Anthony Steen (Fr.)
C	73 William Vlachos (Jr.)	74 David Ross (Sr.)
RG	75 Barrett Jones (So.)	67 John Michael Boswell (Jr.)
RT	76 D.J. Fluker (Fr.)	52 Alfred McCullough (Jr.)
TE	89 Michael Williams (So.)	85 Preston Dial (Sr.)
QB	12 Greg McElroy (Sr.)	10 A.J. McCarron (Fr.)
RB	22 Mark Ingram (Jr.)	3 Trent Richardson (So.)

### DEFENSE (1)

LE	57 Marcell Dareus (Jr.)	86 Undra Billingsley (So.)
NT	99 Josh Chapman (Jr.)	64 Kerry Murphy (So.)
RE	96 Luther Davis (Sr.)	92 Damion Square (So.)
WLB	36 Chris Jordan (Jr.)	35 Nico Johnson (So.)
MLB	30 Dont'a Hightower (Jr.)	2 Tana Patrick (Fr.)
SLB	5 Jerrell Harris (Jr.)	19 Jonathan Atchison (Fr.)
JACK	41 Courtney Upshaw (Jr.)	47 Ed Stinson (Fr.)
CB	21 Dre Kirkpatrick (So.)	9 Phelon Jones (Jr.)
CB	1 B.J. Scott (So.)	28 DeMarcus Milliner (Fr.)
S	4 Mark Barron (Jr.)	Jarrick Williams (Fr.)
S	37 Robert Lester (So.)	18 Rod Woodson (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	43 Cade Foster (Fr.)	KR	8 Julio Jones (Jr.)
P	Jay Williams (Fr.)	PR	8 Julio Jones (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Greg McElroy, 325-198-2,508-4, 17 TDs  
Rushing: Mark Ingram, 271 car., 1,658 yds., 17 TDs  
Receiving: Julio Jones, 43 rec., 596 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Mark Barron, 76, 43 solo  
Sacks: Marcell Dareus, 6.5  
Interceptions: Mark Barron, 7 for 125 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	San Jose State
Sept. 11	Penn State
Sept. 18	at Duke
Sept. 25	at Arkansas
Oct. 2	Florida
Oct. 9	at South Carolina
Oct. 16	Ole Miss
Oct. 23	at Tennessee
Nov. 6	at LSU
Nov. 13	Mississippi State
Nov. 20	Georgia State
Nov. 26	Auburn

### 2009 RESULTS (14-0, 8-0)

Sept. 5	Virginia Tech (Atlanta)	W	34-24
Sept. 12	FIU	W	40-14
Sept. 19	North Texas	W	53-7
Sept. 26	Arkansas	W	35-7
Oct. 3	at Kentucky	W	38-20
Oct. 10	at Ole Miss	W	22-3
Oct. 17	South Carolina	W	20-6
Oct. 24	Tennessee	W	12-10
Nov. 7	LSU	W	24-15
Nov. 14	at Mississippi State	W	31-3
Nov. 21	Chattanooga	W	45-0
Nov. 27	at Auburn	W	26-21
Dec. 5	Florida (Atlanta)	W	32-13
Jan. 7	#Texas	W	37-21
#BCS Championship			

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	32.1	ppg	4	22
Rushing	215.1	ypg	3	12
Passing	187.9	ypg	8	92
Total	403.0	ypg	4	42
	Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	11.7	ppg	1	2
Rushing	78.1	ypg	1	2
Passing	166.0	ypg	4	10
Total	244.1	ypg	1	2
	TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
	+19	+1.36	1	4

HEAD COACH: NICK SABAN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 33-8 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 124-50-1 (14 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JIM MCELWAIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KIRBY SMART





# ARKANSAS

## RAZORBACKS

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. DONALD W. REYNOLDS RAZORBACK STADIUM (72,000)

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC WEST PREDICTION

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**OFFENSE** The Arkansas air show, with junior quarterback Ryan Mallett piloting the prolific Bobby Petrino system while surrounded by elite skill position talent, should be one the country's most electrifying. The Razorbacks lost only two key pieces — tailback Michael Smith and guard Mitch Petrus — from a unit that ranked ninth nationally in scoring (36.0), 10th in passing (295.5) and 20th in total offense (427.3). Garrick McGee takes over for departed offensive coordinator Paul Petrino.

Mallett considered declaring early for the NFL Draft, then missed spring drills recovering from foot surgery. The 6'7" rifleman led the SEC in passing yards (3,624) and efficiency rating (152.5) and set or tied 16 school records. He chewed up shaky defenses but must play more steadily against the tougher units.

Coordinator Willy Robinson's unit, which ranked last in the SEC the last two years, must slice its big-play score allowance and continue the turnover run for Arkansas to contend.

The defensive front, with returning veterans such as Jake Bequette, Damario Ambrose, Zach Stadther and Tenarius Wright, should be deeper and more stout. Youngsters D.D. Jones and incoming freshman Byran Jones could become a star tackle tandem. Freddy Burton, Jerry Franklin and Jerico Nelson are experienced linebackers, but they must be stronger tacklers.

The Hogs' pass defense rated as one of the nation's worst in 2009, but it should improve with a better pass rush and some key personnel returning in the secondary.

**SPECIALISTS** Only kickoff return ace Johnson has prevented these units from being near-disasters the last two seasons. Kicker Alex Tejada made a game-winner in the Liberty Bowl, but his track record is spotty, and incoming freshmen Zach Hocker and Eduardo Camara have a chance to unseat him. Punter Dylan Breeding must improve his 38.7-yard average or face losing his job. Wright has the first shot at returning punts, where Petrino vows Arkansas will be better. The Hogs' coverage units allowed a punt return score by LSU's Trindon Holliday, but they were solid otherwise.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** A trendy darkhorse pick as a national title candidate, Arkansas should challenge in the SEC West. Petrino has welcomed the expectations and used them to pressure his team through an intense spring.

A two-week stretch in September — at Georgia and home against Alabama — could determine if the Razorbacks have the goods to reach their first BCS bowl game. It appears Petrino will tweak the run-pass ratio more toward the ground to help the Hogs' defense, though the temptation will be there to ride Mallett as Arkansas did last season.



RYAN MALLET

### THE QUOTE

"They are as talented as any team in the country at the skill positions. They've got receivers and they've got running backs."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	3 Joe Adams (Jr.)	19 Carlton Salters (Sr.)
WR	85 Greg Childs (Jr.)	82 Lance Ray (Fr.)
WR	4 Jarius Wright (Jr.)	11 Cobi Hamilton (So.)
ST	65 DeMarcus Love (Sr.)	79 Grant Freeman (Jr.)
SG	71 Wade Grayson (Sr.)	70 Zhamal Thomas (Sr.)
C	60 Seth Oxner (Jr.)	64 Travis Swanson (Fr.)
WG	72 Grant Cook (Jr.)	67 Alvin Bailey (Fr.)
WT	73 Ray Dominguez (Sr.)	78 Anthony Oden (So.)
TE	45 D.J. Williams (Sr.)	80 Chris Gragg (So.)
QB	15 Ryan Mallett (Jr.)	8 Tyler Wilson (So.)
RB	20 Ronnie Wingo Jr. (So.)	33 Dennis Johnson (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	91 Jake Bequette (Jr.)	58 Damario Ambrose (Sr.)
DT	95 Patrick Jones (Sr.)	92 D.D. Jones (So.)
NG	61 Zach Stadther (Jr.)	99 Lavuncie Askew (Jr.)
DE	43 Tenarius Wright (So.)	98 Caleb Evans (Sr.)
WLB	31 Jerico Nelson (Jr.)	32 Bret Harris (Jr.)
MLB	53 Jermaine Love (Sr.)	55 Austin Moss (So.)
SLB	46 Freddy Burton (Sr.)	34 Jerry Franklin (Jr.)
CB	26 Ramon Broadway (Sr.)	36 Andru Stewart (Sr.)
CB	21 Darius Winston (So.)	6 Isaac Madison (Jr.)
SS	4 Rudell Crim (Sr.)	9 Elton Ford (Jr.)
FS	5 Tramain Thomas (Jr.)	1 Anthony Leon (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	2 Alex Tejada (Sr.)	KR	33 Dennis Johnson (Jr.)
P	14 Dylan Breeding (So.)	PR	4 Jarius Wright (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Mallett, 403-225-3,624-7, 30 TDs  
Rushing: Broderick Green, 104 car, 442 yds., 11 TDs  
Receiving: Greg Childs, 48 rec., 894 yds., 7 TDs  
Tackles: Jerry Franklin, 94, 51 solo  
Sacks: Jake Bequette, 5.5

Interceptions: Two players tied with 3

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Tennessee Tech
Sept. 11	#UL Monroe
Sept. 18	at Georgia
Sept. 25	Alabama
Oct. 9	%Texas A&M
Oct. 16	at Auburn
Oct. 23	Ole Miss
Oct. 30	Vanderbilt
Nov. 6	at South Carolina
Nov. 13	UTEP
Nov. 20	at Mississippi State
Nov. 27	#LSU
	#Little Rock, AR
	%Arlington, TX

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Missouri State	W	48-10
Sept. 19	Georgia	L	41-52
Sept. 26	at Alabama	L	7-35
Oct. 3	Texas A&M (Arlington)	W	47-19
Oct. 10	Auburn	W	44-23
Oct. 17	at Florida	L	20-23
Oct. 24	at Ole Miss	L	17-30
Oct. 31	Eastern Michigan	W	63-27
Nov. 7	South Carolina	W	33-16
Nov. 14	Troy	W	56-20
Nov. 21	Mississippi State	W	42-21
Nov. 28	at LSU	L (ot)	30-33
Jan. 2	#East Carolina	W (ot)	20-17
	#Liberty Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	36.0 ppg	1	9	
Rushing	131.8 ypg	10	81	
Passing	295.5 ypg	1	10	
Total	427.3 ypg	3	20	

	Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	25.1 ppg	9	58	
Rushing	152.7 ypg	9	73	
Passing	248.5 ypg	12	99	
Total	401.2 ypg	12	89	

	TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
	+15	+1.15	2	6

HEAD COACH: BOBBY PETRINO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 13-12 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 54-21 (6 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GARRICK MCGEE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WILLY ROBINSON



**OFFENSE** Coordinator Gus Malzahn's fast-paced offense set Auburn records in his first season, but the addition of a mobile, strong-armed quarterback could add even more weapons to his arsenal. Junior college transfer Cameron Newton remains the favorite to win the starting job, but coaches have been pleased with the fight of senior Neil Caudle and sophomore Barrett Trotter. For either to win the job in August would take a monumental upset, but it's worth remembering that a year ago, Kodi Burns was favored to beat out Chris Todd, who went on to throw for 2,612 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Replacing running back Ben Tate (1,362 yards rushing in 2009) might be an even bigger concern. Senior Mario Fannin has been a do-it-all offensive player — blocking, catching passes and playing several positions, but never achieving the stardom that many had predicted for him. He's now the first in line to replace Tate as the Tigers' every-down back. Star recruit Michael Dyer will be waiting in the wings if Fannin falters or is injured.

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Auburn's quick-strike offense completed 29 scoring drives in less than two minutes last season.

Wide receivers Darvin Adams and Terrell Zachery burst onto the scene in 2009, putting up big numbers and combining to grab 75 percent of all passes caught by receivers. Auburn was happy to have ball hogs last year, but coaches would prefer to spread the wealth this season.

Like last year, Auburn will have a proven, SEC-tested line that should be among the best in the league. Four senior starters are back, and two or three of them, notably Lee Ziemba, could be playing on Sundays soon.

**DEFENSE** Plagued by youth and a lack of depth, Auburn's historically strong defense has endured two subpar seasons in a row. It's a trend that coach Gene Chizik, with his background as a top defensive coordinator, would like to reverse.

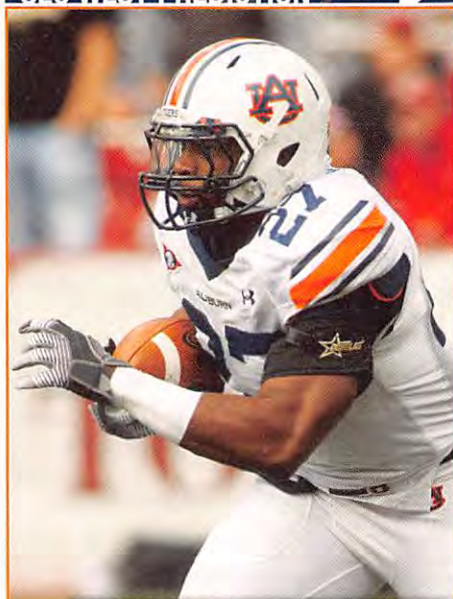
There will be more bodies and fewer walk-ons in the defensive rotation, which should give coordinator Ted Roof more freedom to experiment. Daren Bates' move from safety to linebacker might be an example of that increased creativity; Bates could be used as a hybrid player who could shift to nickel in passing situations.

On the line, Antoine Carter (the so-called "new A.C.") will attempt to fill the leadership and production void left by Antonio Coleman's departure, while youngsters will offer depth. Seniors Craig Stevens and Josh Byner will anchor the linebacking corps. Three veteran defensive backs (Aairon Savage, Mike McNeil and Zac Etheridge) are returning from serious injuries. Of the three, only Savage appears to resemble his old self.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker Wes Byrum bounced back from a sluggish sophomore year to be nearly flawless in 2009, but Auburn's punting situation is less certain. Senior Ryan Shoemaker will try to hold off a challenge from freshman Steven Clark.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** It's Year 2 for Chizik, which means the honeymoon is over and the normal expectations kick in. That means no more swooning over a 5-0 start and less tolerance for a 3-5 conference record.

The good news for Chizik is that he has begun to replenish Auburn's depth with two solid recruiting classes. The schedule — never a breeze in the SEC — gives Auburn all but one of its toughest games at home. (The regular season ends with a trip to Tuscaloosa). And Malzahn's offense, which set records in Year 1, is reportedly faster than ever.



MARIO FANNIN

### THE QUOTE

"They're pretty basic (defensively), and they rely on working hard and out-executing other people as opposed to scheming them."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (8)

WR 89 Darvin Adams (Jr.)	9 Quindarius Carr (Jr.)
WR 81 Terrell Zachery (Sr.)	3 DeAngelo Benton (So.)
WR 80 Emory Blake (Fr.)	Trovon Reed (Fr.)
LT 73 Lee Ziemba (Sr.)	79 Jared Cooper (Jr.)
LG 57 Byron Isom (Sr.)	76 Jorrell Bostrom (Sr.)
C 50 Ryan Pugh (Sr.)	53 Bart Eddins (Sr.)
RG 66 Mike Berry (Sr.)	71 John Sullen (So.)
RT 75 Brandon Mosley (Jr.)	78 Roszell Gaydon (Jr.)
HB 32 Eric Smith (Jr.)	43 Philip Lutzenkirchen (So.)
QB 2 Cameron Newton (Jr.)	19 Neil Caudle (Sr.)
RB 27 Mario Fannin (Sr.)	Michael Dyer (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE 45 Antoine Carter (Sr.)	95 Dee Ford (So.)
DT 93 Mike Blanc (Sr.)	98 Zach Clayton (Sr.)
DT 90 Nick Fairley (Jr.)	97 Derrick Lykes (So.)
DE 49 Mike Goggans (Sr.)	94 Nosa Eguae (Fr.)
LB 46 Craig Stevens (Sr.)	35 Jonathan Evans (So.)
LB 17 Josh Byner (Sr.)	33 Jessel Curry (Fr.)
LB 25 Daren Bates (So.)	21 Eltoro Freeman (Jr.)
CB 15 Neiko Thorpe (Jr.)	8 A. Gully Morgan (So.)
CB 2 Aairon Savage (Sr.)	14 Demond Washington (Jr.)
S 4 Zac Etheridge (Sr.)	20 Drew Cole (Jr.)
S 22 T'Sharvarn Bell (So.)	26 Mike McNeil (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 18 Wes Byrum (Sr.)	KR 27 Mario Fannin (Sr.)
P 21 Ryan Shoemaker (Sr.)	PR 9 Quindarius Carr (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Neil Caudle, 20-15-170-1, 1 TD

Rushing: Onterio McCalebb, 105 car, 565 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Darvin Adams, 60 rec., 997 yds., 10 TDs

Tackles: Josh Byner, 104, 61 solo

Sacks: Mike Blanc, 3.5

Interceptions: T'Sharvarn Bell, 3 for 3 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Arkansas State
Sept. 9	at Mississippi State
Sept. 18	Clemson
Sept. 25	South Carolina
Oct. 2	UL Monroe
Oct. 9	at Kentucky
Oct. 16	Arkansas
Oct. 23	LSU
Oct. 30	at Ole Miss
Nov. 6	Chattanooga
Nov. 13	Georgia
Nov. 26	at Alabama

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Louisiana Tech	W	37-13
Sept. 12	Mississippi State	W	49-24
Sept. 19	West Virginia	W	41-30
Sept. 26	Ball State	W	54-30
Oct. 3	at Tennessee	W	26-22
Oct. 10	at Arkansas	L	23-44
Oct. 17	Kentucky	L	14-21
Oct. 24	at LSU	L	10-31
Oct. 31	Ole Miss	W	33-20
Nov. 7	Furman	W	63-31
Nov. 14	at Georgia	L	24-31
Nov. 27	Alabama	L	21-26
Jan. 1	#Northwestern	W (ot)	38-35
	#Outback Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	33.3 ppg	3	17
Rushing	212.0 ypg	4	13
Passing	219.8 ypg	5	56
Total	431.8 ypg	2	16

Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	27.5 ppg	12	79
Rushing	156.4 ypg	10	78
Passing	218.0 ypg	10	57
Total	374.4 ypg	11	68

TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
+2	+0.15	7	51

HEAD COACH: GENE CHIZIK RECORD AT SCHOOL: 8-5 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 13-24 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GUS MALZAHN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TED ROOF



**OFFENSE** Familiar faces at quarterback, more versatility at running back and a loaded but relatively thin receiving corps characterize LSU's offense. Better play from a beleaguered offensive line is a must if the Tigers hope to improve from 2009, when they ranked 12th in the SEC in total offense with an anemic 304.5 yards per game.

Quarterbacks Jordan Jefferson and Jarrett Lee have each started at least eight games, but both have been inconsistent, making the position the team's biggest question mark. Jefferson is the incumbent after passing for 2,166 yards and 17 touchdowns last year with only seven interceptions in 296 attempts. But he was also sacked 34 times.

The Tigers will operate with three primary backs — junior Stevan Ridley, redshirt freshman Michael Ford and fifth-year senior Richard Murphy. Ford is the fastest, most complete and promising of the three. He'll be a major threat on the edges, with Ridley handling the bulk of the inside work. Murphy is the wild card. He's the most experienced of the trio and best receiver out of the backfield.

**DEFENSE** Linebacker Kelvin Sheppard and cornerback Patrick Peterson anchor a young defense that should feature a much better pass rush, thanks to an infusion of new talent. Redshirt freshmen Sam Montgomery and Barkevious Mingo and junior college transfer Ken Adams give LSU a faster new look after the Tigers registered only 21 sacks last season.

Sheppard is back after leading LSU in tackles (110), but filling the holes around him is a huge key. Ryan Baker has been a special teams demon for two seasons and gets a chance on the weak side, while Stefoin Francois, a converted safety, will take over on the strong side.

Peterson, a likely first-round draft pick in 2010, is as good a shutdown corner as there is in the country. He has plenty of company in a talent-laden secondary that should benefit greatly from an improved pass rush. Redshirt freshman safety Craig Loston is another top pro prospect.

**SPECIALISTS** Kicker Josh Jasper should be one of the better kickers in the SEC after going 17-of-20 on field goals last season, including 6-of-8 from 40 yards or longer. Punter Derek Helton averaged 40 yards on 46 boots, and opponents managed only 57 return yards. Peterson and Shepard are the key players in the return game and give LSU big-play threats on special teams.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** After five years, 51 victories and a national championship, LSU coach Les Miles has plenty of skins hanging on his wall as the Tigers' coach. But this season and next are pivotal to Miles' legacy at a program only three seasons removed from a national championship. His job isn't on the line in 2010, but this season has become a vital bridge to 2011, when LSU will have the talent level and experience to jump into the conversation as a national championship contender.



JORDAN JEFFERSON

### THE QUOTE

"It's an interesting year there. Perception-wise, Alabama's passed them and Auburn and Arkansas are coming. This is a critical year down there."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

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In the last two seasons, LSU is 17-9 overall in large part because the Tigers are 0-6 against Florida, Alabama and Ole Miss, with three of those setbacks coming in Baton Rouge.

The primary pass-catchers are senior Terrance Toliver and two of the cornerstones of a ballyhooed 2009 recruiting class — converted quarterback Russell Shepard and Rueben Randle. Toliver grabbed 53 passes for 735 yards and three touchdowns last season. After a frustrating freshman season, Shepard has reinvented himself as a receiver, though he will still run the ball on a regular basis, similarly to former Florida star Percy Harvin.

On the revamped line, senior Joe Barksdale is a key as he moves from right to left tackle.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#North Carolina
Sept. 11	at Vanderbilt
Sept. 18	Mississippi State
Sept. 25	West Virginia
Oct. 2	Tennessee
Oct. 9	at Florida
Oct. 16	McNeese State
Oct. 23	at Auburn
Nov. 6	Alabama
Nov. 13	UL-Monroe
Nov. 20	Ole Miss
Nov. 27	%Arkansas
	# Atlanta, GA
	% Little Rock, AR

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 5-3)

Sept. 5	at Washington	W	31-23
Sept. 12	Vanderbilt	W	23-9
Sept. 19	UL-Lafayette	W	31-3
Sept. 26	at Mississippi State	W	30-26
Oct. 3	at Georgia	W	20-13
Oct. 10	Florida	L	3-13
Oct. 24	Auburn	W	31-10
Oct. 31	Tulane	W	42-0
Nov. 7	at Alabama	L	15-24
Nov. 14	Louisiana Tech	W	24-16
Nov. 21	at Ole Miss	L	23-25
Nov. 28	Arkansas	W (ot)	33-30
Jan. 1	#Penn State	L	17-19
	#Capital One Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	24.9 ppg	10	76
Rushing	122.8 ypg	11	90
Passing	181.8 ypg	9	97
Total	304.5 ypg	12	112
Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	16.2 ppg	3	11
Rushing	133.4 ypg	4	46
Passing	194.2 ypg	8	29
Total	327.6 ypg	6	26
TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
+4	+0.31	4	36

HEAD COACH: LES MILES RECORD AT SCHOOL: 51-15 (5 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 79-36 (9 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GARY CROWTON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JOHN CHAVIS

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	80 Terrance Toliver (Sr.)	21 Chris Tolliver (So.)
WR	2 Rueben Randle (So.)	10 Russell Shepard (Sr.)
LT	78 Joe Barksdale (Sr.)	76 Chris Faulk (Fr.)
LG	68 Josh Dworaczky (Jr.)	71 Cordian Hagans (So.)
C	64 R.J. Loneragan (So.)	53 T-Bob Hebert (Jr.)
RG	60 Will Blackwell (Jr.)	74 Josh Williford (Fr.)
RT	72 Alex Hurst (So.)	75 Greg Shaw (Jr.)
TE	19 Deangelo Peterson (Jr.)	83 Mitch Joseph (So.)
QB	9 Jordan Jefferson (Jr.)	12 Jarrett Lee (Jr.)
FB	33 Dominique Allen (So.)	45 Richard Dugas (Sr.)
RB	34 Stevan Ridley (Jr.)	42 Michael Ford (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	99 Sam Montgomery (Fr.)	89 Lavar Edwards (So.)
DT	92 Drake Nevis (Sr.)	90 Michael Brockers (Fr.)
DT	95 Pep Livingston (Sr.)	77 Josh Downs (So.)
DE	49 Barkevious Mingo (Fr.)	94 Ken Adams (Jr.)
WLB	22 Ryan Baker (Jr.)	58 Tahj Jones (Fr.)
MLB	11 Kelvin Sheppard (Sr.)	48 Kevin Minter (Fr.)
SLB	23 Stefoin Francois (Jr.)	57 Lamin Barrow (Fr.)
CB	17 Morris Claiborne (So.)	13 Ron Brooks (Jr.)
CB	7 Patrick Peterson (Jr.)	25 Drayton Calhoun (Fr.)
SS	15 Brandon Taylor (Jr.)	37 Karnell Hatcher (Jr.)
FS	6 Craig Loston (Fr.)	4 Jai Eugene (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	30 Josh Jasper (Sr.)	KR	10 Russell Shepard (So.)
P	39 Derek Helton (Sr.)	PR	8 Patrick Peterson (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jordan Jefferson, 296-182-2,166-7, 17 TDs  
Rushing: Russell Shepard, 45 car, 277 yds., 2 TDs  
Receiving: Terrance Toliver, 53 rec., 735 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Kelvin Sheppard, 110, 50 solo  
Sacks: Drake Nevis, 4  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters



OXFORD, MISS. VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM (60,580)

**OFFENSE** In his third season at Ole Miss, Houston Nutt faces the challenge of replacing virtually his entire offense, including arguably the top athlete in school history. Last season Dexter McCluster became the first player in SEC history to gain more than 1,000 yards rushing and more than 500 yards receiving in the same season.

Sophomore quarterback Nathan Stanley appeared in five games in 2009, and threw 23 passes. At 6'5" he stands tall in the pocket, and that's his strength, though he may surprise some people with his mobility. Nutt praised the strides Stanley made in accuracy and decision-making in the spring, as he distanced himself from redshirt freshman Raymond Cotton. Athletic junior college transfer Randall Mackey will join the fold in the summer, which may be too late to win the job.

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Ole Miss has had back-to-back nine-win seasons for the first time since 1961-62. And the Rebels' back-to-back January bowl game wins are their first since 1960-61.

Junior Brandon Bolden will start at tailback. He rushed for 614 yards last season but had less than 300 in SEC play and could be pushed by backups Rodney Scott and Enrique Davis.

Receivers with a good deal of physical talent didn't fully develop last year as most balls went to Shay Hodge, who caught 70. Senior Markeith Summers is capable, not electrifying, and redshirt freshman Ja-Mes Logan turned heads in spring drills with a nice blend of speed and physicality. The wild card who could lift the group to greater heights is Patrick Patterson, a talented yet often troubled target, who is coming off his second suspension.

There will be three new starters on the offensive line, and one of the "veterans," sophomore Bobby Massie, started only five games last year.

**DEFENSE** The one position on the roster that did not lose a major contributor is defensive tackle, where All-SEC performer Jerrell Powe leads a two-deep with four seniors. Kentrell Lockett is a playmaker at one end, and there is a buzz around junior college transfer Wayne Dorsey, a specimen at 6'6", 255, whose quickness seems beyond what his frame should allow.

Seniors Jonathan Cornell and Allen Walker are solid at linebacker, where depth is talented but inexperienced.

There are two brand new corners on defense, though senior Jeremy McGee and junior Marcus Temple have been on the plus side of big plays in their careers. The safeties should be solid in a three-player rotation. Senior Johnny Brown will start at strong safety. The free will be manned by either senior Fon Ingram or junior college transfer Damien Jackson, who drew raves in the spring with his ball skills and hits.

**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker Bryson Rose was consistent in the spring without much live rush. He'll replace All-SEC performer Joshua Shene. Punter Tyler Campbell (43.9 yards) is back, as is return man Jesse Grandy, who took two kicks to the end zone as a freshman last year.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Nutt says he likes high expectations, but some of his best work has been done with teams that were flying under the radar. His first Ole Miss team went 5-3 in the SEC a year after his predecessor failed to win a conference game.

If the recruiting rankings are correct, and Nutt's track record remains consistent, there should be enough talent in the program to win four non-conference games, the most challenging being Fresno State at home.

That should put Ole Miss in position to reach its third consecutive bowl game under Nutt after enduring a four-year drought before his arrival.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC WEST PREDICTION

53  
5



BRANDON BOLDEN

### THE QUOTE

"I don't think they used Dexter McCluster enough. He made them tough to defend. He could do so much, and he put a ton of pressure on you. I don't know if they have anyone like him now. I hope not."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (1)

WR	21 Lionel Breaux (Sr.)	10 Jesse Grandy (So.)
WR	16 Markeith Summers (Sr.)	85 Ja-Mes Logan (Fr.)
LT	78 Bradley Sowell (Jr.)	70 Emmanuel McCray (Fr.)
LG	73 Alex Washington (Jr.)	67 Chris Gill (Fr.)
C	76 A.J. Hawkins (So.)	56 Evan Swindall (Fr.)
RG	75 Rishaw Johnson (Jr.)	55 Michael Brown (Fr.)
RT	79 Bobby Massie (So.)	54 Logan Clair (Jr.)
TE	83 Ferbia Allen (So.)	32 Reggie Hicks (Sr.)
QB	12 Nathan Stanley (So.)	13 Raymond Cotton (Fr.)
FB	33 E.J. Epperson (So.)	45 H.R. Greer (So.)
RB	34 Brandon Bolden (Jr.)	27 Enrique Davis (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	7 Wayne Dorsey (Jr.)	55 Cameron Whigham (Fr.)
DT	96 Lawon Scott (Sr.)	94 LaMark Armour (Sr.)
DT	57 Jerrell Powe (Sr.)	99 Ted Laurent (Sr.)
DE	40 Kentrell Lockett (Sr.)	90 Gerald Rivers (So.)
OLB	49 Joel Kight (So.)	98 Alex Williams (Fr.)
MLB	51 Jonathan Cornell (Sr.)	42 D.T. Shackelford (So.)
OLB	9 Allen Walker (Sr.)	52 Mike Marry (Fr.)
CB	6 Jeremy McGee (Sr.)	25 Ryan Campbell (Fr.)
CB	4 Marcus Temple (Jr.)	3 Charles Sawyer (Fr.)
SS	20 Johnny Brown (Sr.)	34 Frank Crawford (Fr.)
FS	35 Fon Ingram (Sr.)	1 Damien Jackson (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	81 Bryson Rose (So.)	KR	10 Jesse Grandy (So.)
P	97 Tyler Campbell (So.)	PR	10 Jesse Grandy (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nathan Stanley, 23-11-163-1, 1 TD  
Rushing: Brandon Bolden, 129 car., 614 yds., 4 TDs  
Receiving: Brandon Bolden, 20 rec., 209 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Johnny Brown, 81, 47 solo  
Sacks: Kentrell Lockett, 5  
Interceptions: Fon Ingram, 2 for 39 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Jacksonville State
Sept. 11	at Tulane
Sept. 18	Vanderbilt
Sept. 25	Fresno State
Oct. 2	Kentucky
Oct. 16	at Alabama
Oct. 23	at Arkansas
Oct. 30	Auburn
Nov. 6	UL-Lafayette
Nov. 13	at Tennessee
Nov. 20	at LSU
Nov. 27	Mississippi State

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 4-4)

Sept. 6	at Memphis	W	45-14
Sept. 19	SE Louisiana	W	52-6
Sept. 24	at South Carolina	L	10-16
Oct. 3	at Vanderbilt	W	23-7
Oct. 10	Alabama	L	3-22
Oct. 17	UAB	W	48-13
Oct. 24	Arkansas	W	30-17
Oct. 31	at Auburn	L	20-33
Nov. 7	Northern Arizona	W	38-14
Nov. 14	Tennessee	W	42-17
Nov. 21	LSU	W	25-23
Nov. 28	at Mississippi State	L	27-41
Jan. 2	#Oklahoma State	W	21-7
	#Cotton Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.5	ppg	5	39
Rushing	183.6	ypg	6	32
Passing	218.8	ypg	6	57
Total	402.4	ypg	5	44
	Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	17.7	ppg	4	15
Rushing	140.3	ypg	6	58
Passing	174.4	ypg	6	15
Total	314.7	ypg	4	21
	TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
	-7	-0.54	11	102

HEAD COACH: HOUSTON NUTT RECORD AT SCHOOL: 18-8 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 129-78 (17 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: MIKE MARKUSON, DAVE RADER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TYRONE NIX





# MISSISSIPPI STATE

## BULLDOGS

STARKVILLE, MISS. DAVIS WADE STADIUM AT SCOTT FIELD (55,082)

**OFFENSE** The scheme is good; that much is certain. In its first season running coach Dan Mullen's spread option offense, Mississippi State increased its scoring by 68.4 percent and total offensive yards by 35 percent. But schemes will take the Bulldogs only so far.

What's needed next is an influx of talent. If the last two recruiting classes pan out as hoped, then Mullen will have some capable tools to wield in a league usually defined by tough defenses. One of those tools is Tyler Russell, a 6'5" redshirt freshman vying for the starting quarterback job. His competition is junior Chris Relf, who's not a great passer but rushed for 500 yards last season in a platoon role with Tyson Lee.

For what it's worth, Russell seems to understand what it takes mentally to be the man under center. But Relf will no doubt find his way onto the field somehow.

**DEFENSE** Carl Torbush, the defensive coordinator last season, talked a lot about attacking but never did much of it. His replacement, Manny Diaz, is promising the same approach but appears more likely to deliver. The players have been raving about the freedom he allows them on blitzes.

"His intensity, his blitz packages, the way he wants us to play, it's great," middle linebacker Chris White says.

White is a key component of this defense. After excelling at the weak-side spot last year (75 tackles), the 6'4", 245-pound senior was moved into the spot vacated by Jamar Chaney, and senior K.J. Wright (6'4", 250) has been shifted from strong side to weak side.

Diaz likes having those two in those spots, saying that in his schemes they can be "partners in crime."

The attacking begins up front for MSU, though. Left end Pernell McPhee (6'4", 285) made five sacks last season and is poised to get even more this season with better help beside him.

A strong pass rush could aid an already dangerous secondary, led by sophomore cornerback Corey Broomfield (six interceptions in '09) and sophomore free safety Johnthan Banks (four interceptions).

**SPECIALISTS** All of MSU's legs return, including placekickers Sean Brauchle and Derek DePasquale, who combined to make 16-of-21 field goals. The return game will feature the explosive Chad Bumphis, a sophomore who arrived with a reputation for breaking big ones.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** MSU has had only one winning season in the last nine years, but Mullen's offense and enthusiasm have engendered hope among the Bulldog faithful. If the offense can take a big step forward and the defense measures up to SEC standards — and if the injury bug doesn't bite too hard — State could vie for a bowl bid.

NATIONAL FORECAST  
SEC WEST PREDICTION

54  
6



CHAD BUMPHIS

17

Mississippi State quarterbacks combined to throw 17 interceptions last season — tied for the second-most in the SEC — despite attempting only 265 passes, by far the fewest in the league.

"It's not a race to see who can learn the fastest," Mullen says. "It's a race to see who can execute the best. So it's going to be a much different competition than last year."

MSU had the SEC's top rushing attack in 2009, but that was because Anthony Dixon (1,391 yards) was carrying the load. A host of candidates are vying to fill his prodigious shoes, including junior college transfer Vick Ballard, redshirt freshman Montrell Conner and junior Robert Elliott. None of the three shined in the spring, but all three have potential not fully tapped.

They'll be running behind an experienced offensive line, which returns four starters, including center J.C. Brignone and All-SEC left tackle Derek Sherrod.

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Memphis
Sept. 9	Auburn
Sept. 18	at LSU
Sept. 25	Georgia
Oct. 2	Alcorn State
Oct. 9	at Houston
Oct. 16	at Florida
Oct. 23	UAB
Oct. 30	Kentucky
Nov. 13	at Alabama
Nov. 20	Arkansas
Nov. 27	at Ole Miss

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Jackson State	W	45-7
Sept. 12	at Auburn	L	24-49
Sept. 19	at Vanderbilt	W	15-3
Sept. 26	LSU	L	26-30
Oct. 3	Georgia Tech	L	31-42
Oct. 10	Houston	L	24-31
Oct. 17	at Middle Tennessee	W	27-6
Oct. 24	Florida	L	19-29
Oct. 31	at Kentucky	W	31-24
Nov. 14	Alabama	L	3-31
Nov. 21	at Arkansas	L	21-42
Nov. 28	Ole Miss	W	41-27

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	25.6 ppg	9	72
Rushing	227.6 ypg	1	9
Passing	144.3 ypg	11	113
Total	371.9 ypg	7	65
Defense	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
Scoring	26.8 ppg	11	71
Rushing	146.0 ypg	7	62
Passing	220.0 ypg	11	64
Total	366.0 ypg	10	58
TO Margin	Per Game	SEC	Nat'l
-5	-0.42	10	87

### THE QUOTE

"They were much harder to defend last year, scheme-wise. It was certainly a whole lot different. Before, you just had to be ready because they were going to come at you. Now, they put more pressure on you with what they can do."

— An opposing SEC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	9 Leon Berry (Sr.)	87 Chris Smith (So.)
WR	1 Chad Bumphis (So.)	3 Brandon Heavens (So.)
LT	79 Derek Sherrod (Sr.)	75 Blaine Clausell (Fr.)
LG	55 Quentin Saulsberry (Jr.)	61 Gabe Jackson (Fr.)
C	70 J.C. Brignone (Sr.)	71 Sam Watts (Fr.)
RG	67 Tobias Smith (So.)	74 Mark Melichar (Sr.)
RT	62 Addison Lawrence (Jr.)	76 Phillip Freeman (Sr.)
TE	32 Marcus Green (Jr.)	88 Kendrick Cook (Jr.)
QB	14 Chris Relf (Jr.)	17 Tyler Russell (Fr.)
FB	35 Patrick Hanrahan (Sr.)	23 Sylvester Hemphill (So.)
RB	2 Robert Elliott (Jr.)	28 Vick Ballard (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	90 Pernell McPhee (Sr.)	57 Johnathan McKenzie (Fr.)
LT	97 Josh Boyd (So.)	95 James Carmon (Jr.)
RT	94 Fletcher Cox (So.)	60 Devin Jones (So.)
RE	36 Nick Bell (So.)	99 Sean Ferguson (So.)
SLB	10 Cameron Lawrence (So.)	48 Emmanuel Gatling (Sr.)
MLB	50 Chris White (Sr.)	58 Brandon Wilson (So.)
WLB	34 K.J. Wright (Sr.)	51 Deontae Skinner (Fr.)
CB	15 Maurice Langston (Sr.)	26 Damein Anderson (Jr.)
CB	25 Corey Broomfield (So.)	20 Louis Watson (So.)
SS	4 Charles Mitchell (Jr.)	7 Wade Bonner (Jr.)
FS	13 Johnthan Banks (So.)	42 Zach Smith (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	40 Derek DePasquale (Sr.)	KR	1 Chad Bumphis (So.)
P	38 Heath Hutchins (Sr.)	PR	1 Chad Bumphis (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Chris Relf, 41-22-283-3, 5 TDs

Rushing: Chris Relf, 76 car., 500 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Chad Bumphis, 32 rec., 375 yds., 4 TDs

Tackles: K.J. Wright, 82, 41 solo

Sacks: Pernell McPhee, 5

Interceptions: Corey Broomfield, 6 for 118 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

HEAD COACH: DAN MULLEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-7 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 5-7 (1 YEAR)  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: LES KOENNING CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: MANNY DIAZ, CHRIS WILSON





# SUN BELT



Dwight Dasher

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	SUN BELT	OVERALL
1. TROY	8-0	9-3
2. MTSU	7-1	8-4
3. FLORIDA ATLANTIC	5-3	5-7
4. ARKANSAS STATE	5-3	5-7
5. UL MONROE	4-4	5-7
6. UL LAFAYETTE	4-4	4-8
7. NORTH TEXAS	2-6	2-10
8. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	1-7	1-11
9. WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-8	0-12

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
ARKANSAS STATE	6	7	7	4	2	1	5
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3	3	5	9	4	6	4
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	7	8	3	8	8	9	6
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	1	4	4	1	1	4	1
NORTH TEXAS	8	1	2	2	7	5	7
TROY	2	5	1	3	3	3	2
UL LAFAYETTE	5	9	6	5	5	2	3
UL MONROE	4	2	8	6	6	7	8
WESTERN KENTUCKY	9	6	9	7	9	8	9

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Dwight Dasher	5'10"	202	Sr.	MTSU
RB	Lance Dunbar	5'9"	202	Jr.	North Texas
RB	Alfred Morris	5'11"	222	Jr.	Florida Atlantic
WR	Jerrel Jernigan	5'9"	184	Sr.	Troy
WR	T.Y. Hilton	5'10"	175	Jr.	FIU
TE	Ladarius Green	6'6"	229	Jr.	UL Lafayette
C	Tyler Clark	6'2"	285	Sr.	Troy
OL	Jonathan DeCoster	6'5"	305	Sr.	UL Lafayette
OL	Mark Fisher	6'3"	272	Sr.	MTSU
OL	Derek Newton	6'5"	313	Sr.	Arkansas State
OL	Esteban Santiago	6'3"	296	Sr.	North Texas

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Brandon Akpunku	6'1"	226	Jr.	North Texas
DL	Kevin Cyrille	6'4"	275	Jr.	Florida Atlantic
DL	Bryan Hall	6'1"	284	Sr.	Arkansas State
DL	Jamari Lattimore	6'3"	231	Sr.	MTSU
LB	Demario Davis	6'3"	231	Jr.	Arkansas State
LB	Grant Fleming	6'4"	232	Sr.	UL Lafayette
LB	Craig Robertson	6'1"	221	Sr.	North Texas
CB	Dwight Bentley	5'11"	173	Jr.	UL Lafayette
CB	Bryan Willis	5'9"	180	So.	Troy
S	M.D. Jennings	6'0"	172	Sr.	Arkansas State
S	Jeremy Kellem	5'10"	188	Sr.	MTSU

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Alan Gendreau	5'10"	175	Jr.	MTSU
P	Spencer Ortego	6'3"	192	Sr.	UL Lafayette
KR	T.Y. Hilton	5'10"	175	Jr.	FIU
PR	Jason Frierson	5'9"	175	Sr.	FIU

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Jamie Hampton	6'1"	212	Jr.	Troy
RB	Frank Goodin	5'9"	211	Sr.	UL Monroe
RB	Bobby Rainey	5'8"	200	Jr.	Western Kentucky
WR	Jamaal Jackson	5'10"	163	Sr.	North Texas
WR	Lester Jean	6'3"	195	Sr.	Florida Atlantic
TE	Rob Housler	6'5"	210	Sr.	Florida Atlantic
C	Brad Serini	6'3"	300	Sr.	FIU
OL	James Brown	6'4"	346	Jr.	Troy
OL	Kelvin Drake	6'2"	280	Sr.	North Texas
OL	Justin Roberts	6'4"	304	Jr.	UL Monroe
OL	Alex Stuart	6'3"	281	Jr.	MTSU

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Mario Addison	6'2"	244	Sr.	Troy
DL	Jared Clendenin	6'3"	258	Jr.	Western Kentucky
DL	Troy Evans	6'2"	263	Jr.	UL Monroe
DL	Dwight Smith	6'2"	272	Sr.	MTSU
LB	Michael Lockley	6'2"	220	Sr.	Florida Atlantic
LB	Daniel Sheffield	6'3"	206	Sr.	Troy
LB	Thomas Majors	6'0"	240	Sr.	Western Kentucky
CB	Anthony Gaitor	5'10"	178	Sr.	FIU
CB	Rod Issac	5'11"	186	Sr.	MTSU
S	Marcus Bartels	5'9"	161	Jr.	Florida Atlantic
S	Darius Prelow	6'0"	207	Jr.	UL Monroe

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Casey Tinius	6'0"	171	Jr.	Western Kentucky
P	Will Goggans	6'0"	220	Jr.	Troy
KR	Bobby Rainey	5'8"	200	Jr.	Western Kentucky
PR	Orkeys Auriene	5'10"	175	Sr.	UL Lafayette

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**OFFENSE** Graduation meant offensive devastation for Arkansas State, which lost its all-time total offense leader, No. 2 career rusher and top three wide receivers. Then again, coach Steve Roberts' eighth ASU squad ranked near the bottom of the Sun Belt Conference in every offensive category in 2009, so new might not necessarily be bad. And under new offensive coordinator Hugh Freeze, the Red Wolves will shift to a no-huddle, multiple scheme and away from their former two-back set.

Four-year starter Corey Leonard is gone at quarterback, but Ryan Aplin had moved into the starting role as a redshirt freshman late last season anyway and completed over 65 percent of his passes. He guided ASU to wins in its last two games to salvage something from a 4-8 season. But Aplin also missed spring practice after offseason shoulder surgery, and highly touted athlete Phillip Butterfield ran the team in the spring. Nothing is settled under center; even wide receiver Andre Smith took some snaps in spring drills, giving the Wolves a Wildcat threat.

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ASU's 2010 roster includes 27 players who started at least one game last season.

Junior Derek Lawson, a staple in the running game two years ago (695 yards, 7.2-yard average), and converted fullback Jermaine Robertson will try to replace standout tailback Reggie Arnold in the new-look, fullback-less backfield. The wholesale losses at wide receiver could clear the way for emerging Taylor Stockemer.

Injuries necessitated a revolving door in the Wolves' front line last year, and the benefit is an experienced and deep unit. Nine players who started at least one game are available, including All-Sun Belt tackle Derek Newton.

**DEFENSE** ASU led the Sun Belt in total defense and scoring defense last year, and the strength of that unit again will be at linebacker. Demario Davis became a focal point with a team-high 80 tackles as a sophomore. He and Javon McKinnon man the outside slots. Darius Glover, who is back after a broken wrist sidelined him in 2009, and the much-improved Nathan Herrold contribute to one of the league's best units.

The same can't be said up front and in the secondary, where newcomers will be plentiful. M.D. Jennings, who produced more than 60 tackles each of the last two seasons, and Kelcie McCray, who tied for second in the Sun Belt in interceptions in 2009, are known quantities at the safety slots, but finding cornerbacks was a big emphasis in the spring.

The biggest defensive losses, though, came in the front wall. Alex Carrington, the 2008 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year, is among three departed starters. The Wolves have a solid start on rebuilding in the person of All-Sun Belt pick Bryan Hall, who had nine tackles for a loss last season.

**SPECIALISTS** The new look continues. ASU doesn't have a roster player who has ever kicked, punted or returned a punt in college, and no players have more than one career kickoff return. Snapper Adam Gaston is the only veteran in a unit that must replace the Sun Belt's career field goal leader, among others.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Hopes were high for a veteran ASU team last year before close losses to Sun Belt champ Troy and nationally ranked Iowa began a downward spiral. Unless something changes quickly — a tough task against a front-loaded schedule that includes Auburn and three league games in September — ASU again could be out of the conference race early.



DEREK LAWSON

### THE QUOTE

"We're installing a new system and there are opportunities that other quarterbacks will get. We don't have to name a starter until before our first ball game, so we probably won't."

— Coach Steve Roberts

### OFFENSE (6)

WR 27 Taylor Stockemer (So.)	12 Jonathan White (Sr.)
WR 8 Lucious Henderson (Sr.)	20 Carlos McCants (Fr.)
WR 17 Allen Muse (So.)	18 Andre Smith (So.)
LT 67 Kiano Prater (Sr.)	70 Delano Moore (Jr.)
LG 61 Drew Hilton (Sr.)	68 Alfred Louis (Sr.)
C 73 Tom Castilaw (Sr.)	65 Eric Allen (So.)
RG 71 Sifa Etu (Sr.)	63 Cliff Mitchell (So.)
RT 72 Derek Newton (Sr.)	59 Jake Campbell (Fr.)
TE 85 Kedric Murry (So.)	42 Jeff Blake (Sr.)
QB 16 Ryan Aplin (So.)	11 Phillip Butterfield (Fr.)
RB 22 Derek Lawson (Jr.)	43 Jermaine Robertson (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE 96 Jeremy Gibson (Jr.)	99 Brandon Joiner (Jr.)
DT 90 Bryan Hall (Sr.)	97 Amos Draper (Fr.)
NG 92 Dorvus Woods (Jr.)	79 Greg McCall (Jr.)
DE 47 Justin Robertson (Jr.)	91 Timothy Starson (So.)
LB 23 Demario Davis (Jr.)	46 Darius Glover (Sr.)
LB 40 Nathan Herrold (So.)	53 Nick Nelms (So.)
LB 5 Javon McKinnon (Sr.)	34 Najel Byrd (Sr.)
CB 25 Chaz Scales (So.)	39 Darron Edwards (Jr.)
CB 19 Walter Moody (Sr.)	32 Julian Jones (Fr.)
SS 21 Kelcie McCray (Jr.)	37 Graham Bates (Jr.)
FS 26 M.D. Jennings (Sr.)	4 Jaquan Kilcrease (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 36 Brandon Parker (So.)	KR 8 Lucious Henderson (Sr.)
P 15 Neely Sullivent (Jr.)	PR 20 Carlos McCants (Fr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Aplin, 118-77-889-6, 3 TDs

Rushing: Ryan Aplin, 64 car, 253 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Taylor Stockemer, 16 rec., 347 yds., 1 TD

Tackles: Demario Davis, 80, 51 solo

Sacks: Two players tied with 3

Interceptions: Kelcie McCray, 4 for 69 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Auburn
Sept. 11	at UL Lafayette
Sept. 18	UL Monroe
Sept. 25	at Troy
Oct. 2	Louisville
Oct. 9	at North Texas
Oct. 16	at Indiana
Oct. 23	Florida Atlantic
Nov. 2	Middle Tennessee
Nov. 13	Western Kentucky
Nov. 20	at Navy
Nov. 27	at FIU

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Miss. Valley State	W	61-0
Sept. 12	at Nebraska	L	9-38
Sept. 26	Troy	L	27-30
Oct. 3	at Iowa	L	21-24
Oct. 13	at UL Monroe	L	10-16
Oct. 24	FIU	W	27-10
Oct. 31	at Louisville	L	13-21
Nov. 7	UL Lafayette	L	18-21
Nov. 14	at Florida Atlantic	L	18-35
Nov. 21	at Middle Tennessee	L	14-38
Nov. 28	North Texas	W	30-26
Dec. 3	at Western Kentucky	W	24-20

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Natl
Scoring	22.7 ppg	7	90
Rushing	135.3 ypg	8	76
Passing	193.6 ypg	8	86
Total	328.8 ypg	7	95
Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Natl
Scoring	23.3 ppg	1	45
Rushing	122.0 ypg	2	30
Passing	218.5 ypg	3	60
Total	340.5 ypg	1	41
TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Natl
-5	-0.42	5	87

HEAD COACH: STEVE ROBERTS RECORD AT SCHOOL: 41-55 (8 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 90-88-1 (16 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: HUGH FREEZE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KEVIN CORLESS





**OFFENSE** Rusty Smith, the most decorated player in the short history of Florida Atlantic University football, didn't end his college career the way he wanted. But the quarterback's untimely injury puts the offense ahead of schedule entering 2010. When Smith sprained his shoulder early last November, it forced his backup, Jeff Van Camp, into action. After throwing only 25 passes during the previous two seasons, Van Camp threw 153 over the final five games, tossing 12 touchdowns with only two interceptions — and both picks came in his starting debut. Now, in 2010, there's no question: He's the guy.

"I'm really pleased with Van Camp," coach Howard Schnellenberger says. "He's really taken a step toward being a leader."

He'll need to lead an inexperienced group of targets. Lester Jean, who had 38 catches in 2009, is the leading returning receiver, as five of the other top six pass-catchers have moved on. Avery Holley, Grant Glover and tight end Rob Housler (coming off a redshirt season) will need to pick up some slack.

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Running back Alfred Morris closed the season with four straight 100-yard games. Morris led the Sun Belt conference and ranked 13th nationally by averaging 116 yards per game.

That could mean even more of a burden on stocky, shifty Alfred Morris, who surprised many by capitalizing on injuries in front of him to lead the Sun Belt Conference and finish 13th in the country in rushing. Morris may need to do more on his own. The best fullback (Willie Rose) is gone. So is the best line in school history, all at once.

**DEFENSE** The good news? This is the experienced side of the ball. The bad news? Most of the defense's experiences in 2009 were horrifying. Only 12 sacks. Only five

interceptions. Five games in which the opponent scored at least 38 points.

Offenses rolled over the Owls on the ground (220.6 ypg, on 6.1 per carry) and through the air (232.6 ypg on 67.4 percent completions). It didn't even help to have a guy named Yourhighness Morgan in the linebacking corps.

Schnellenberger, believing the problems to be more psychological and tactical than physical, changed defensive coordinators during the offseason, replacing Kirk Hoza with long-time FAU staffer Kurt Van Valkenburgh. Van Valkenburgh will attempt to retrain a unit that includes seven senior starters, three in the secondary (leading returning tackler Marcus Bartels is a junior). He has spoken of simplifying things and emphasizing a physical style of play.

One player to watch: defensive end Kevin Cyrille, who had a great spring in 2009 but wasn't much of a factor during the season.

**SPECIALISTS** Ross Gornall, who transferred from Auburn to kick for the college team in his home state, made 8-of-12 field goals last season. He also had eight touchbacks on his kickoffs. The punter is again Mickey Groody. He and his coverage units allowed only 10 returns in 2009.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Schnellenberger wants to get the program back over .500 for its history after it slipped to 53–55 overall after the disappointing 2009 season, and before it moves into an on-campus stadium in 2011.

Morris and Van Camp should provide the Owls with plenty of scoring opportunities, provided that the offensive line develops quickly. But things could get ugly early for the defense, which first must travel to Birmingham to face a UAB team that scored 56 points against it last season, and then to Detroit to play a "home" game against Michigan State. Look out.



ALFRED MORRIS

### THE QUOTE

"Well, I have said from the beginning, and (wife) Beverlee has agreed with me, that I would do it until God decided that I wasn't healthy enough or He wanted me to cash it in, and as long as the University thought I was doing a good job. And really that hasn't changed."

— Coach Howard Schnellenberger, 76, on his retirement plans

### OFFENSE (2)

WR	3 Lester Jean (Sr.)	80 Amos Wood (So.)
WR	13 Grant Glover (Sr.)	1 Avery Holley (Sr.)
LT	78 Troy Niblack (So.)	63 DeAndre Williams (Fr.)
LG	53 Samuel McRoy (Jr.)	67 Ryan Houston (Jr.)
C	79 Jordan Sessa (So.)	68 Jimmie Colley (Fr.)
RG	51 Eric Hansen (So.)	54 Jared Pizzuti (So.)
TE	64 Max Karrick (Jr.)	71 Christopher Chappell (Fr.)
RT	81 Rob Housler (Sr.)	85 Darian Williams (Jr.)
QB	12 Jeff Van Camp (Sr.)	15 David Kooi (So.)
FB	8 Xavier Stinson (So.)	40 Chris Jackson (Fr.)
RB	32 Alfred Morris (Jr.)	28 Willie Floyd (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	92 Kevin Cyrille (Jr.)	89 Nick Osborne (So.)
DT	58 Dino Cox (Sr.)	90 Mauricio Riquer (Sr.)
DT	91 Andy Czuprinski (So.)	96 Jimmy Jean (So.)
DE	99 David Joseph (Sr.)	98 Jamere Johnson (Jr.)
SLB	39 Malik Eugene (Sr.)	48 Yourhighness Morgan (So.)
MLB	45 Michael Lockley (Sr.)	57 David Hinds (So.)
WLB	42 Alex Pattee (So.)	66 Randall Johnson (Fr.)
CB	5 Tavious Polo (Sr.)	34 Keith Reiser (Fr.)
CB	9 Tavoris Hill (Sr.)	35 Curtis Cross (Jr.)
SS	27 Marcus Bartels (Jr.)	18 Tony Rodriguez (So.)
FS	38 Ed Alexander (Sr.)	10 Rod Huggins (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	20 Ross Gornall (Sr.)	KR	5 Tavious Polo (Sr.)
P	17 Mickey Groody (Jr.)	PR	5 Tavious Polo (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jeff Van Camp, 184-109-1,372-2, 12 TDs  
Rushing: Alfred Morris, 263 car., 1,392 yds., 11 TDs  
Receiving: Lester Jean, 38 rec., 501 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Marcus Bartels, 112, 56 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 3  
Interceptions: Brentley Harstad, 2 for 15 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at UAB
Sept. 11	#Michigan State
Sept. 25	North Texas
Oct. 2	at South Florida
Oct. 9	at UL Monroe
Oct. 23	at Arkansas State
Oct. 30	FIU
Nov. 6	at Western Kentucky
Nov. 13	UL Lafayette
Nov. 20	at Texas
Nov. 27	at Middle Tennessee
Dec. 4	Troy
	#Detroit, MI

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7, 5-3)

Sept. 5	at Nebraska	L	3-49
Sept. 19	at South Carolina	L	16-38
Sept. 26	UL Monroe	L	25-27
Oct. 3	Wyoming	L	28-30
Oct. 17	at North Texas	W	44-40
Oct. 24	at UL Lafayette	W	51-29
Oct. 31	Middle Tennessee	L	20-27
Nov. 7	at UAB	L	29-56
Nov. 14	Arkansas State	W	35-18
Nov. 21	at Troy	L	21-47
Nov. 28	Western Kentucky	W	29-23
Dec. 5	at FIU	W	28-21

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	27.4 ppg	3	60
Rushing	152.4 ypg	5	55
Passing	279.7 ypg	2	18
Total	432.1 ypg	2	15
Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	33.8 ppg	6	106
Rushing	220.6 ypg	7	112
Passing	232.6 ypg	5	80
Total	453.2 ypg	7	112
TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
+1	+0.08	3	58

HEAD COACH: HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 53–55 (9 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 153–132–3 (25 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DARRYL JACKSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KURT VAN VALKENBURGH



# GOLDEN PANTHERS

**OFFENSE** Even as FIU generally struggled on the ground, Kendall Berry flashed his ability in his seven games in 2009, leading the Golden Panthers' running backs with a 4.2-yard average and six rushing touchdowns. As a junior, he was expected to receive a bigger role, as a Wildcat back and a change of pace in the spread offense. Unfortunately, in late March, the 22-year-old Berry was murdered on a campus — allegedly by a fellow student — in a dispute over a girlfriend.

"We will come together and help each other overcome this tragedy," coach Mario Cristobal said, following the shocking news.

The spring game was postponed one week, then held in Berry's honor. Without him, FIU will rely upon a group including Darriet Perry — who returned in better shape after averaging just 2.9 per carry — and highly touted Syracuse transfer Jeremiah Harden, who showed explosiveness in the spring.

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T.Y. Hilton ranked 13th in the nation and first in the Sun Belt with a 28.8-yard average on his 22 kickoff returns last season.

Who will be handing off? That remains an open question now that former Mississippi State starter and local St. Thomas Aquinas high school star Wesley Carroll has come back to South Florida, and is eligible to play as a junior. Carroll spent the spring competing at quarterback with senior Wayne Younger, who threw four interceptions and no touchdowns in spot duty in 2009.

The new quarterback will be looking mostly for junior T.Y. Hilton, who has 98 catches in his two seasons at FIU.

**DEFENSE** FIU gave up at least 500 yards of total offense in seven different games, and finished 119th in the nation in overall defense.

New defensive coordinator Geoff Collins advocates a more aggressive style, and the defense largely outplayed the offense during the spring. He does appear to have some material at linebacker. Aaron Davis emerged as a sure tackler as a sophomore, while senior Toronto Smith returns. There are also high hopes for several young players, including Larvez "Pooh Bear" Mars, who was one of the top recruits at his position two years ago.

The overall strength of the secondary may depend on the progress of some speedy new recruits, most notably Khambrel McGee and Richard Leonard. The stabilizer, for now, is senior cornerback Anthony Gaitor, who was named first-team all-conference last season.

The defensive line struggled to shed blocks or generate much pressure in 2009, and two starters (Justin West, Jonas Murrell) are gone.

**SPECIALISTS** Josh Brisk, another of the local players who has transferred back home (from Duquesne) gets the job as the new punter. FIU will also be breaking in a new kicker. Jack Griffin is expected to perform at least as well as the departed Dustin Rivest did in 2009 (10-of-14). FIU should often get decent offensive field position, after Hilton does his thing in the return game.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Now entering its ninth overall season, and fourth under former University of Miami lineman Mario Cristobal, the FIU program has shown it won't shy from a fight. It may be a while before they win many, however.

The Golden Panthers have tried to recruit many of the same players as the bigger boys in the state (including Miami), and have scored with a handful. And they played Alabama tough for about a half in last season's opener. This year, the schedule isn't much easier. The goal is to be competitive in those games, settle on a quarterback and win more than they lose in conference play.

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T.Y. HILTON

## THE QUOTE

"I think some local players are finding out that either you choose FIU early or you come on back a year later."

— Coach Mario Cristobal, on the number of South Florida natives who have transferred to FIU.

## OFFENSE (4)

WR	82 Greg Ellingson (Sr.)	88 Jacob Younger (So.)
WR	2 Junior Mertile (So.)	80 Jason Frierson (Sr.)
WR	4 T.Y. Hilton (Jr.)	5 Wayne Times (So.)
LT	79 James Wiggins (Jr.)	61 Curtis Bryant (Jr.)
LG	53 Giancarlo Revilla (So.)	74 Chris Cawthon (Jr.)
C	76 Brad Serini (Sr.)	67 Kevin Van Kirk (Sr.)
RG	77 Cedric Mack (Sr.)	57 Kenny White (So.)
RT	66 Dave Istanich (So.)	54 Rupert Bryan (So.)
TE	30 Jonathan Faucher (Jr.)	17 Dudley LaPorte (Jr.)
QB	14 Wayne Younger (Sr.)	13 Wesley Carroll (Jr.)
RB	28 Darriet Perry (Jr.)	6 Jeremiah Harden (So.)

## DEFENSE (3)

DE	97 Tourek Williams (So.)	10 Jonathan Jackson (So.)
DT	48 Kasey Smith (So.)	75 Andre Pound (So.)
DT	96 Joshua Forney (So.)	99 Thatcher Starling (Sr.)
DE	94 James Jones (Jr.)	31 Jarvis Wilson (Sr.)
OLB	41 Kenny Dillard (So.)	22 Markeith Russell (So.)
MLB	45 Aaron Davis (Jr.)	3 Larvez Mars (So.)
OLB	13 Toronto Smith (Sr.)	34 Winston Fraser (So.)
CB	7 Anthony Gaitor (Sr.)	24 Emmanuel Souarin (So.)
CB	27 Jose Cheseborough (Fr.)	29 Dezariah Johnson (Sr.)
SS	11 Ashlyn Parker (Sr.)	21 Chuck Grace (Jr.)
FS	25 Jonathan Cyprien (So.)	1 Marquise Rolle (Sr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	38 Jack Griffin (So.)	KR	4 T.Y. Hilton (Jr.)
P	Josh Brisk (Jr.)	PR	80 Jason Frierson (Sr.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Wayne Younger, 58-22-257-4, 0 TD  
 Rushing: Darriet Perry, 103 car., 301 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: T.Y. Hilton, 57 rec., 632 yds., 5 TDs  
 Tackles: Jonathan Cyprien, 78, 48 solo  
 Sacks: Toronto Smith, 3.5  
 Interceptions: Anthony Gaitor, 2 for 7 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 11	Rutgers
Sept. 18	at Texas A&M
Sept. 25	at Maryland
Oct. 2	at Pittsburgh
Oct. 9	Western Kentucky
Oct. 16	at North Texas
Oct. 30	at Florida Atlantic
Nov. 6	UL Monroe
Nov. 13	at Troy
Nov. 20	at UL Lafayette
Nov. 27	Arkansas State
Dec. 4	Middle Tennessee

## 2009 RESULTS (3-9, 3-5)

Sept. 12	at Alabama	L	14-40
Sept. 19	at Rutgers	L	15-23
Sept. 26	Toledo	L	31-41
Oct. 3	at UL Monroe	L	35-48
Oct. 10	at Western Kentucky	W	37-20
Oct. 17	Troy	L	33-42
Oct. 24	at Arkansas State	L	10-27
Oct. 31	UL Lafayette	W (ot)	20-17
Nov. 7	at Middle Tennessee	L	21-48
Nov. 14	North Texas	W	35-28
Nov. 21	at Florida	L	3-62
Dec. 5	Florida Atlantic	L	21-28

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	22.9 ppg	6	88
Rushing	104.3 ypg	9	107
Passing	216.7 ypg	6	60
Total	320.9 ypg	8	100

Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	35.3 ppg	7	111
Rushing	232.8 ypg	8	116
Passing	258.8 ypg	8	108
Total	491.6 ypg	9	119

TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
-4	-0.33	4	83

HEAD COACH: MARIO CRISTOBAL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 9-27 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 9-27 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: SCOTT SATTERFIELD DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GEOFF COLLINS





# UL LAFAYETTE

LAFAYETTE, LA. CAJUN FIELD (31,000)

## RAGIN' CAJUNS

**OFFENSE** The Ragin' Cajuns have had the most success when their running game was solid, and it wasn't in 2009. Due to injuries and other struggles, Cajun quarterbacks had all but five of the team's 19 rushing touchdowns, and a springtime revival of the running game was paramount in coach Rickey Bustle's plans.

Still, no back stepped forward, as likely candidates Julian Shankle and Rob Walker both dealt with injuries. The combination of no go-to back and a rebuilding offensive line leaves many unanswered offensive questions.

None of the doubts is at quarterback, where Chris Masson came on strong in his first year and had the fourth-best single-season passing totals in school history. He also led UL Lafayette's red zone offense to a top-20 national ranking. Former quarterback Brad McGuire has since moved to bolster the running back corps and gives the Cajuns plenty of Wildcat opportunities.

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The Ragin' Cajuns have blocked 41 kicks since Rickey Bustle became coach in 2002, the third-highest figure in the country over that span.

The wide receiver corps needs to establish primary targets beyond senior Marlin Miller (37 catches). But the Cajuns do have a weapon in 6'6" tight end Ladarius Green, who led the team in yardage despite missing three games with injuries.

Two first-team All-Sun Belt linemen and a third who started 24 straight games are gone, and returning guard Ian Burks has moved to center. He and tackle Jonathan Decoster will have to lead a unit that needs seasoning after having the same starting five the last two seasons.

**DEFENSE** The Cajuns moved into the middle of the Sun Belt pack defensively last year, a big improvement from the previous season, but

they'll need a big effort from some key players to continue the climb. They did force 26 turnovers last year, ranking in the national top 30, and went 6-2 when forcing two or more turnovers. But they were 0-4 in games without multiple turnovers.

A "TNT" (tackles and turnovers) motto puts pressure on the linebacking corps, but veterans Grant Fleming and Daylon McCoy should cope. Despite injuries, both have earned postseason accolades, and Fleming made a smooth transition from strong-side to middle linebacker in the spring. McCoy is the team's third-leading tackler over the last two seasons.

Experience is also scattered in front of and behind that group. Corners Orkeys Auriene and All-Sun Belt pick Dwight Bentley and safeties Lance Kelley and Maurice Rolle provide a solid secondary unit.

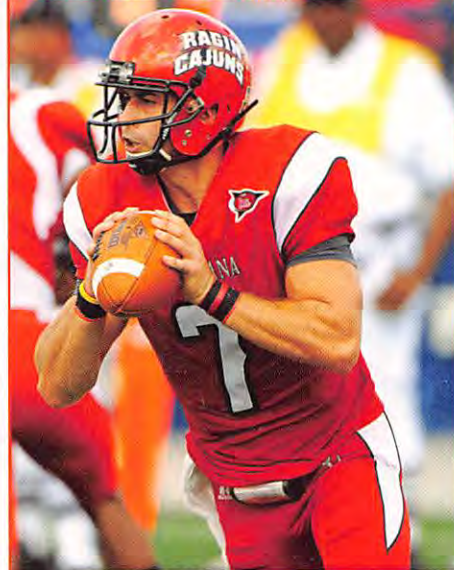
Terrell Richardson has 30 starts and hasn't missed a game in three seasons at end, and tackles Jordan Topp, Sharrick Moore and Derreck Dean are solid. Plans for regular line rotations require new players to step forward.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** Tyler Albrecht's 48-yard field goal in his first college attempt gave the Cajuns an upset win over Kansas State last year, and he returns along with punter Spencer Ortego. Bustle's group also excels at blocking kicks, but the Cajuns were last in the Sun Belt in kickoff returns and kickoff coverage.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** UL Lafayette has been bowl eligible four of the last five seasons but hasn't claimed a postseason berth in that time — and hasn't broken through with a seven-win season since 1993 despite several recent opportunities. The 2010 season won't be a success unless one or both of those streaks end, and to do that the offense must consistently run the football and the defense can't give up six yards per offensive play again. If those units hit those goals, the Ragin' Cajuns could end that bowl-less streak.

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SUN BELT PREDICTION

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CHRIS MASSON

### THE QUOTE

"We've been sniffing at the door for four or five years, and we've got to take it beyond where we are. We're going to have to be ready to come out of the chute and play well."

— Coach Rickey Bustle

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	3 Pierre Hill (Jr.)	81 Richie Falgout (Sr.)
WR	18 Marlin Miller (Sr.)	82 Javone Lawson (So.)
LT	51 Colin Windsor (Sr.)	62 Robert Robinson (Fr.)
LG	72 Leonardo Bates (So.)	74 Kyle Plouhar (Jr.)
C	60 Ian Burks (Sr.)	66 Sean Osborne (So.)
RG	76 Jaron Odom (So.)	70 Evan Ruiz (So.)
RT	73 Jonathan Decoster (Sr.)	77 Nasser Jamal (Sr.)
TE	89 Ladarius Green (Jr.)	88 Brandon Williams (So.)
QB	7 Chris Masson (Jr.)	17 Blaine Gautier (So.)
FB	46 Matt Desormeaux (Sr.)	26 Yobes Walker (So.)
RB	33 Julian Shankle (Jr.)	6 Robert Walker (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	58 Nate Douglas (Jr.)	44 Bernard Smith (Jr.)
DT	98 Jordan Topp (Sr.)	94 Jermaine Rogers (Sr.)
DT	90 Derreck Dean (Jr.)	91 Sharrick Moore (Sr.)
DE	97 Terrell Richardson (Sr.)	45 Emeka Onyenekwu (So.)
LB	37 Devon Lewis-Buchanan (Jr.)	55 Brandon Nash (Fr.)
LB	47 Grant Fleming (Sr.)	56 Richard Brooks (Jr.)
LB	4 Daylon McCoy (Sr.)	48 Andrew Hebert (Fr.)
CB	2 Orkeys Auriene (Sr.)	24 Lionel Stokes (Jr.)
CB	5 Dwight Bentley (Jr.)	22 Melvin White (Jr.)
SS	21 Lance Kelley (Jr.)	30 Le'Marcus Gibson (Jr.)
FS	36 Maurice Rolle (Sr.)	31 Winston Burnette (Fr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	10 Tyler Albrecht (Sr.)	KR	19 Marlin Miller (Sr.)
P	35 Spencer Ortego (Sr.)	PR	2 Orkeys Auriene (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Chris Masson, 373-222-2,406-8, 10 TDs

Rushing: Yobes Walker, 116 car., 412 yds., 2 TDs

Receiving: Marlin Miller, 37 rec., 325 yds., 2 TDs

Tackles: Grant Fleming, 89, 56 solo

Sacks: Tyrell Gaddies, 2.5

Interceptions: Two players tied with 3

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Georgia
Sept. 11	Arkansas State
Sept. 25	Middle Tennessee
Oct. 2	at North Texas
Oct. 8	Oklahoma State
Oct. 16	at Troy
Oct. 23	Western Kentucky
Oct. 30	at Ohio
Nov. 6	Ole Miss
Nov. 13	at Florida Atlantic
Nov. 20	FIU
Nov. 27	at UL Monroe

### 2009 RESULTS (6-6, 4-4)

Sept. 5	Southern	W	42-19
Sept. 12	Kansas State	W	17-15
Sept. 19	at LSU	L	3-31
Sept. 26	at Nebraska	L	0-55
Oct. 10	North Texas	W	38-34
Oct. 17	at Western Kentucky	W	30-22
Oct. 24	Florida Atlantic	L	29-51
Oct. 31	at FIU	L (ot)	17-20
Nov. 7	at Arkansas State	W	21-18
Nov. 14	at Middle Tennessee	L	17-34
Nov. 21	UL Monroe	W	21-17
Nov. 28	Troy	L	31-48

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	22.2 ppg	8	93
Rushing	136.9 ypg	7	71
Passing	224.8 ypg	4	49
Total	361.8 ypg	6	76

Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	30.3 ppg	5	97
Rushing	181.9 ypg	5	99
Passing	222.4 ypg	4	70
Total	404.3 ypg	4	92

TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
+3	+0.25	2	44

HEAD COACH: RICKEY BUSTLE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 38-56 (8 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 38-56 (8 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: RON HUDSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KEVIN FOUQUIER



**OFFENSE** Senior running back Frank Goodin can carry a sizable load, but he will need help. Goodin is less than 900 yards shy of becoming UL Monroe's all-time leading rusher, but his line returns only two starters and has little experience or depth beyond that.

Trey Revell showed progress as a first-year starting quarterback last season, but a thumb injury and late-season slump left doubts. His job is open, and sophomore Cody Wells and redshirt freshman Kolton Browning are making a push.

"All three quarterbacks do different things," ULM first-year coach Todd Berry says. "Most teams fit their offense around their quarterback, but we will take the opposite approach."

ULM has some weapons in wide receivers Anthony McCall and Luther Ambrose, but both carry questions. McCall had a breakout freshman year but struggled last season. Ambrose is a versatile speedster but lacks a true position.

# 3

Three finalists for the ULM head coaching job are on the current staff, including head coach Todd Berry, offensive coordinator Steve Farmer and defensive coordinator Troy Reffett.

Berry, a former offensive coordinator at ULM and head coach at Army, and coordinator Steve Farmer will keep the Warhawks running the spread offense, only with a more wide-open feel and an expanded role for the quarterback. Revell has some dual-threat ability, and if he retains the starting job he will need to utilize every ounce of it to fuel ULM's offense.

**DEFENSE** One of the Sun Belt's toughest rebuilding projects lies here. End Aaron Morgan, linebacker Cardia Jackson and safety Greg James were arguably the best at their

positions in the conference, and they are among seven key starters lost from last season's defense.

Some role players remain, but they must grow into much more. End Troy Evans is a good pass-rusher, but he must develop into a run-stopper, too.

Theo Smith was a good linebacker last season, but his role was limited. This season Smith will be a field general of a revamped defense that will feature plenty of freshmen and sophomores.

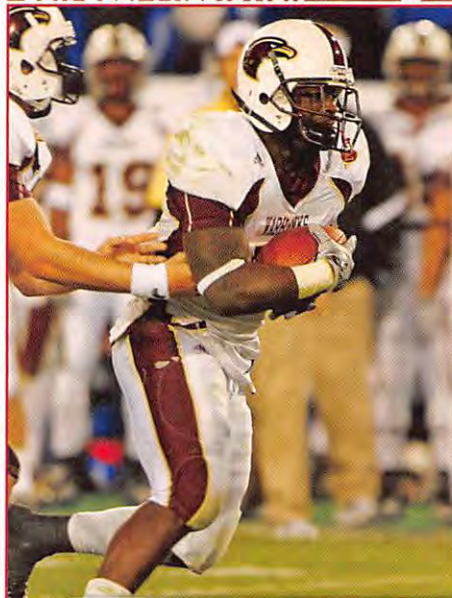
Darius Prewell, who had a team-high 12 pass breakups, was an underrated safety last season, but he will be a rare source of experience in the secondary.

Coordinator Troy Reffett was retained from the previous staff, and he will run ULM's unique 3-3-5 scheme with some tweaks implemented to ease the transition for the new personnel.

**SPECIALISTS** Radi Jabour is a serviceable kicker, but he will be on a short leash if his late-season struggles carry over to this year. Redshirt freshman Thomas Giddens takes over at punter. Ambrose returns as kick returner, and junior Tim Taylor should take over as the punt returner.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Berry inherits a program that went 6-6 in two of the last three years, but it might not get over the hump this season. A proven defense and veteran offensive line were key ingredients in finishing at .500 last season, but neither remains.

Goodin must be a 1,000-yard rusher, at least, and ULM must get consistent quarterback play. If so, the offense should improve. Some defensive scheme changes could provide an equalizer in a mostly balanced conference. But putting all the pieces together might be too tall of an order for a revamped roster and coaching staff.



FRANK GOODIN

### THE QUOTE

"There have been some dramatic changes, and our players have bought into them. Hopefully, those changes will eke out a few more wins."

— Coach Todd Berry

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	83 Anthony McCall (Jr.)	84 Julian Griffin (Jr.)
WR	10 Tim Taylor (Jr.)	81 Tavarese Maye (Fr.)
WR	22 Luther Ambrose (Jr.)	86 Brent Leonard (So.)
LT	69 Justin Roberts (Jr.)	62 Adam Bertrand (So.)
LG	56 Jonathan Gill (So.)	68 Bryce Wilson (Jr.)
C	72 Ryan McCaul (Jr.)	56 Jonathan Gill (So.)
RG	74 Andrew Stout (Sr.)	76 Christian Lyrrse (Fr.)
RT	75 Anthony Montgomery (Jr.)	71 Jordan Karriman (Jr.)
TE	80 Keavon Milton (So.)	13 Kevin Steed (Fr.)
QB	12 Trey Revell (Sr.)	15 Kolton Browning (Fr.)
RB	5 Frank Goodin (Sr.)	7 Jyruss Edwards (Fr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	52 Ken Dorsey (Jr.)	16 Emanuel Jefferies (Fr.)
DT	91 Aaron Moore (Sr.)	92 Quantez Hunter (Sr.)
DE	55 Troy Evans (Jr.)	44 Jordan Landry (Jr.)
LB	42 Theo Smith (Sr.)	19 Troy Giddens (Sr.)
LB	54 Jason Edwards (Jr.)	49 C.C. Carpenter (Jr.)
LB	45 DaCorris Ford (So.)	35 Cameron Blakes (So.)
CB	26 Nate Brown (Jr.)	32 Montavious Hill (Jr.)
CB	6 Robert Nelson (So.)	82 Otis Peterson (Fr.)
S	37 Darius Prewell (Jr.)	38 Henry Mitchell (Fr.)
S	8 Khairi Usher (So.)	11 Brandon Hardy (So.)
S	30 Alex Ibe (Sr.)	4 Zach Rhodes (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	85 Radi Jabour (Jr.)	KR	22 Luther Ambrose (Jr.)
P	13 Thomas Giddens (Fr.)	PR	10 Tim Taylor (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Trey Revell, 210-121-1,739-12, 12 TDs  
Rushing: Frank Goodin, 219 car., 1,126 yds., 13 TDs  
Receiving: Luther Ambrose, 34 rec., 455 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Darius Prewell, 62, 48 solo  
Sacks: Troy Evans, 6.5  
Interceptions: Nate Brown, 2 for 0 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 11	#Arkansas
Sept. 18	at Arkansas State
Sept. 25	SE Louisiana
Oct. 2	at Auburn
Oct. 9	Florida Atlantic
Oct. 16	at Western Kentucky
Oct. 23	at Middle Tennessee
Oct. 30	Troy
Nov. 6	at FIU
Nov. 13	at LSU
Nov. 20	North Texas
Nov. 27	UL Lafayette
	#Little Rock, AR

### 2009 RESULTS (6-6, 5-3)

Sept. 5	at Texas	L	20-59
Sept. 12	Texas Southern	W	58-0
Sept. 19	at Arizona State	L	14-38
Sept. 26	at Florida Atlantic	W	27-25
Oct. 3	FIU	W	48-35
Oct. 13	Arkansas State	W	16-10
Oct. 24	at Kentucky	L	13-36
Oct. 31	at Troy	L	21-42
Nov. 7	at North Texas	W	33-6
Nov. 14	Western Kentucky	W	21-18
Nov. 21	at UL Lafayette	L	17-21
Nov. 28	Middle Tennessee	L	19-38

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	25.6 ppg	5	72
Rushing	183.9 ypg	3	31
Passing	208.4 ypg	7	72
Total	392.3 ypg	5	48
Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	27.3 ppg	3	74
Rushing	110.1 ypg	1	20
Passing	236.9 ypg	7	90
Total	347.0 ypg	2	44
TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
-5	-0.42	5	87

HEAD COACH: TODD BERRY RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 29-60 (8 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE FARMER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TROY REFFETT



**OFFENSE** Middle Tennessee has its third offensive coordinator in three years. Former TCU and Illinois playcaller Mike Schultz takes over for Tony Franklin, who went to Louisiana Tech after one season with the Blue Raiders. Schultz will keep the general scheme intact from Franklin's offense, and he has a fair amount of talent to work with.

Quarterback Dwight Dasher set numerous single-season school records and broke Vince Young's bowl mark for rushing yards by a quarterback with 201 in the New Orleans Bowl. With 2,789 passing yards, 1,154 rushing yards and 36 total touchdowns accounted for (23 passing, 13 rushing) last season, Dasher is the best offensive weapon in the Sun Belt.

Dasher is flanked in a loaded backfield by D.D. Kyles and Phillip Tanner. Four returning starters up front add to an offense that should remain among the league's best.

MTSU must replace some key wide receivers. Senior Garrett Andrews should be the Raiders' go-to guy after a standout debut season, but other young wideouts must come of age quickly to run Schultz's quick-strike offense.

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Quarterback Dwight Dasher is among only four players in NCAA history to pass for 2,500 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season.

**DEFENSE** Replacing five all-conference (three first-team, two second-team) defenders will not be easy, especially with a new coordinator, former Wisconsin assistant Randall McCray. Senior Antwan Davis is the only starting linebacker returning. The rest are young, fast and athletic, but also very inexperienced.

End Jamari Lattimore is a playmaker who will try to pick up the slack with the graduation of 2009 Sun Belt co-Defensive Player of the Year Chris McCoy. MTSU already lacked size on the interior line, and injuries during spring

practice could limit depth up front.

The strength will be in the secondary. Jeremy Kellem is among the best safeties in the league, and cornerback Rod Issac and safety Kevin Brown are third-year starters. The other cornerback spot will be manned by junior college transfer Arness Ikner and speedy sophomore Kenneth Gilstrap. The defense is talented but potentially fragile if injuries dig too deep into the roster.

**SPECIALISTS** MTSU blocked eight kicks last season and should aim for a repeat performance. Kicker Alan Gendreau (18-of-22 FGs) was an All-Sun Belt first-teamer. Finding a long snapper, punter and punt returner are near the top of the to-do list.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** MTSU won 10 games last season, capped off by a New Orleans Bowl victory, and something close to an encore is expected — only with a conference crown. A manageable schedule and enough returning talent should allow the Blue Raiders to rack up wins and land another bowl bid, but earning an outright Sun Belt title likely must include a win over four-time defending champ Troy. Coach Rick Stockstill is 0-4 against Troy and 20-5 against the rest of the Sun Belt. The Oct. 5 nationally televised game between Troy and MTSU in Murfreesboro could determine whether the Blue Raiders get over the hump.

"Our goal is to at least reach our potential," Stockstill says. "Last year we reached it and probably exceeded it."

MTSU's seven-game active winning streak is the third longest in the nation. Extending it with a win over Minnesota in a season-opening home game could potentially set up the Blue Raiders for another memorable year. Two new coordinators could jostle the team just a bit, and depth concerns, especially on defense, might cause problems late in the season. But the Blue Raiders still should one of the teams to beat in the Sun Belt.



DWIGHT DASHER

### THE QUOTE

"Enough of that good defense is back for Middle, and their quarterback is the most dynamic player in our league."

— An opposing Sun Belt assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	83 Shane Blissard (Jr.)	16 Tyler Mason (Jr.)
WR	15 Sancho McDonald (Jr.)	84 Richard Drake (Fr.)
WR	27 Tavarres Jefferson (So.)	28 Harold Turner (So.)
WR	80 Garrett Andrews (Sr.)	81 Wes Caldwell (Sr.)
LT	78 Mike Williams (Jr.)	50 Colin Boss (Jr.)
LG	79 Preston Bailey (So.)	63 Brian Lorman (So.)
C	65 Alex Stuart (Jr.)	75 Chris Hawkins (Sr.)
RG	60 Brandon McLeroy (Jr.)	62 Evon Lettsome (Sr.)
RT	74 Mark Fisher (Jr.)	77 Josh Walker (Fr.)
QB	9 Dwight Dasher (Sr.)	3 Logan Kilgore (So.)
RB	21 Phillip Tanner (Sr.)	23 D.D. Kyles (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	91 Emmanuel Perez (Sr.)	45 Jarrett Crittenton (Sr.)
DT	47 Dwight Smith (Sr.)	96 Kendall Dangerfield (So.)
DT	94 Gary Tucker (Sr.)	51 SaCoby Carter (Jr.)
DE	11 Jamari Lattimore (Sr.)	85 Omar McLendon (So.)
OLB	52 Antwan Davis (Sr.)	59 Darin Davis (Jr.)
MLB	87 Stephen Roberts (Fr.)	99 Antonio Hill (Jr.)
OLB	32 Justin Jones (So.)	42 Gorby Loreus (Jr.)
CB	18 Kenneth Gilstrap (So.)	28 Arness Ikner (Jr.)
CB	6 Rod Issac (Sr.)	41 Marquis Dixon (Fr.)
SS	33 Kevin Brown (Sr.)	8 Sammy Seamster (So.)
FS	20 Jeremy Kellem (Sr.)	24 Derrick Crumpton (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	38 Alan Gendreau (Jr.)	KR	21 Phillip Tanner (Sr.)
P	36 Nathaniel Toulson (Jr.)	PR	6 Rod Issac (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Dwight Dasher, 399-219-2,789-14, 23 TDs  
Rushing: Dwight Dasher, 224 car., 1,154 yds., 13 TDs  
Receiving: Garrett Andrews, 35 rec., 530 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Rod Issac, 72, 53 solo  
Sacks: Jamari Lattimore, 5.5  
Interceptions: Kevin Brown, 4 for 77 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Minnesota
Sept. 11	Austin Peay
Sept. 18	at Memphis
Sept. 25	at UL Lafayette
Oct. 5	Troy
Oct. 16	at Georgia Tech
Oct. 23	UL Monroe
Nov. 2	at Arkansas State
Nov. 13	North Texas
Nov. 20	at Western Kentucky
Nov. 27	Florida Atlantic
Dec. 4	at FIU

### 2009 RESULTS (10-3, 7-1)

Sept. 5	at Clemson	L	14-37
Sept. 12	Memphis	W	31-14
Sept. 19	at Maryland	W	32-31
Sept. 26	at North Texas	W	37-21
Oct. 6	at Troy	L	7-31
Oct. 17	Mississippi State	L	6-27
Oct. 24	Western Kentucky	W	62-24
Oct. 31	at Florida Atlantic	W	27-20
Nov. 7	FIU	W	48-21
Nov. 14	UL Lafayette	W	34-17
Nov. 21	Arkansas State	W	38-14
Nov. 28	at UL Monroe	W	38-19
Dec. 20	#Southern Miss	W	42-32
	#New Orleans Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	32.0 ppg	2	23	
Rushing	186.0 ypg	1	27	
Passing	235.7 ypg	3	42	
Total	421.7 ypg	3	27	
	Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	23.7 ppg	2	49	
Rushing	136.8 ypg	3	50	
Passing	218.1 ypg	2	59	
Total	354.9 ypg	3	50	
	TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
	+12	+0.92	1	8

HEAD COACH: RICK STOCKSTILL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 27-23 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 27-23 (4 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE SCHULTZ DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: RANDALL MCCRAY



DENTON, TEXAS FOUTS FIELD (30,500)

**OFFENSE** Budding sophomore quarterback Riley Dodge, son of coach Todd Dodge, was a source of stability. But with Dodge moved to wide receiver due to chronic arm injuries, quarterback has become a big question mark. Career backup Nathan Tune and inexperienced sophomore Derek Thompson are the two starting options. Both lack Dodge's playmaking ability, but Thompson is the likely long-term choice and is closer to Dodge's dual-threat style.

Running back Lance Dunbar rushed for nearly 1,400 yards in a breakout sophomore season. His emergence was key in providing balance, but Dodge's position change tosses the offense back into flux.

Nevertheless, Dunbar's production and four returning starters on the line give North Texas some strength in the ground game. The bulk of the receiving corps returns, led by Jamaal Jackson (71 catches for 701 yards) and Darius Carey (57 for 509), but a vertical threat is desperately needed.

New coordinator Mike Canales, a former South Florida playcaller, should add a needed boost to the offense, but the unexpected change at quarterback could slow progress.

**9.7**

Only three teams in the nation had a lower yards-per-catch average than North Texas' 9.7 in a dink-and-dunk offense last season.

**DEFENSE** The defense has definitely improved under third-year coordinator Gary DeLoach, but larger strides are needed. Six starters return to offer a starting point, including six of the top eight tacklers.

Many of UNT's proven defenders are in the back seven, including linebacker Craig Robertson, cornerback Royce Hill and safeties Ira Smith and DaWaylon Cook. UNT allowed the fewest passing yards in the Sun Belt last

season, but it had little effect on the wins column. The approach of bend-but-don't-break has run its course, and UNT needs to gain some nastiness. The Mean Green averaged only one sack per game last season and made most of their tackles in the secondary. Such a conservative stance does little against the wide-open offenses in the Sun Belt.

End Brandon Akpunku (six sacks, 11.5 tackles for a loss) will be utilized as a pass-rusher, and more aggressive linemen must be found. Most of the eight junior college transfers will be injected into the defense in hopes of creating an immediate impact.

**SPECIALISTS** UNT had eight kicks blocked last year and missed six PAT kicks, so a shakeup is needed. Will Atterberry should retain his punter position. But true freshman Zach Olen, one of the top high school kickers in Texas, was added to fix the placekicking problems. Jackson is a solid kick returner.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Dodge's tenure has yielded a 5-31 record, giving the fourth-year coach little room for further error. If the Mean Green does not show significant improvement, a change is likely coming. With his son no longer under center, Dodge will have to scramble to replace one of his best players at the most critical position. The offense can still produce with a wide-open system and a good ground game, but the defense still must take a sizable step forward.

UNT lost five games by a combined 17 points last season, but close won't cut it anymore. Drastic measures are needed to ignite the Mean Green, so look for UNT to pull out all the stops with schemes or personnel if it has a poor start.

"I think it's important for our guys to know how close we were last year," Dodge says. "I think our talent level and experience level is where it needs to be now to compete."

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LANCE DUNBAR

### THE QUOTE

"I don't want our guys to turn a blind eye to our mistakes last year. They need to understand we lost four or five games on a couple plays."

— Coach Todd Dodge

### OFFENSE (8)

WR 14 Tyler Stradford (Jr.)	18 Benny Jones (Sr.)
WR 9 B.J. Lewis (Jr.)	17 Breece Johnson (Sr.)
WR 19 Darius Carey (So.)	11 Riley Dodge (So.)
WR 15 Jamaal Jackson (Sr.)	4 Alex Lott (Sr.)
LT 77 Esteban Santiago (Sr.)	72 Matt Tomlinson (Jr.)
LG 70 Coleman Feeley (So.)	60 Aaron Fortenberry (So.)
C 56 J.J. Johnson (Jr.)	60 Aaron Fortenberry (So.)
RG 68 Kelvin Drake (Sr.)	76 John Noble (Fr.)
RT 64 Victor Gill (Sr.)	74 Troy Franklin (So.)
QB 7 Derek Thompson (So.)	6 Nathan Tune (Sr.)
RB 5 Lance Dunbar (Jr.)	2 James Hamilton (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE 48 K.C. Obi (So.)	90 Ryan Boutwell (Fr.)
DT 99 Shavod Atkinson (Sr.)	94 Kyle White (So.)
DT 91 Kelvin Jackson (Sr.)	98 John Weber (Sr.)
DE 47 Brandon Akpunku (Jr.)	96 Tevin Cantly (So.)
OLB 45 Jeremy Phillips (So.)	25 Brad Graham (Jr.)
MLB 31 A.J. Penson (Sr.)	26 Forlando Johnson (Jr.)
OLB 42 Craig Robertson (Sr.)	53 Daniel Prior (So.)
CB 20 D'Leon McCord (Jr.)	D'Andre Wood (Jr.)
CB 21 Royce Hill (Jr.)	34 Chris Neal (Sr.)
S 10 DaWaylon Cook (Jr.)	22 Ryan Downing (Jr.)
S 8 Ira Smith (Sr.)	27 Robbie Gordon (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K Zach Olen (Fr.)	KR 15 Jamaal Jackson (Sr.)
P 41 Will Atterberry (So.)	PR 19 Darius Carey (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Riley Dodge, 303-205-1,975-15, 9 TDs  
Rushing: Lance Dunbar, 200 car., 1,378 yds., 17 TDs  
Receiving: Jamaal Jackson, 71 rec., 701 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Craig Robertson, 107, 72 solo  
Sacks: Brandon Akpunku, 6  
Interceptions: Royce Hill, 3 for 58 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Minnesota
Sept. 11	Austin Peay
Sept. 18	at Memphis
Sept. 25	at UL Lafayette
Oct. 5	Troy
Oct. 16	at Georgia Tech
Oct. 23	UL Monroe
Nov. 2	at Arkansas State
Nov. 13	North Texas
Nov. 20	at Western Kentucky
Nov. 27	Florida Atlantic
Dec. 4	at FIU

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 1-7)

Sept. 3	at Ball State	W	20-10
Sept. 12	Ohio	L	30-31
Sept. 19	at Alabama	L	7-53
Sept. 26	Middle Tennessee	L	21-37
Oct. 10	at UL Lafayette	L	34-38
Oct. 17	Florida Atlantic	L	40-44
Oct. 24	at Troy	L	26-50
Oct. 31	Western Kentucky	W	68-49
Nov. 7	UL Monroe	L	6-33
Nov. 14	at FIU	L	28-35
Nov. 21	Army	L	13-17
Nov. 28	at Arkansas State	L	26-30

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	26.6 ppg	4	63
Rushing	185.3 ypg	2	28
Passing	223.4 ypg	5	51
Total	408.7 ypg	4	36
Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	35.6 ppg	8	112
Rushing	195.6 ypg	6	104
Passing	216.8 ypg	1	54
Total	412.3 ypg	5	97
TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
-14	-1.17	9	117

HEAD COACH: TODD DODGE RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-31 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 5-31 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE CANALES DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: GARY DELOACH





# TROY

TROY, ALA. MOVIE GALLERY STADIUM (30,000)

## TROJANS

**OFFENSE** Troy's offensive juggernaut operated at full capacity through the final two-thirds of last season, scoring 40 or more points in seven of its final eight games to give veteran coach Larry Blakeney his first nine-win season since the I-AA days. Those numbers helped the Trojans win nine of 10 to end the regular season and claim a fourth straight Sun Belt Conference title.

But last year's trigger man is gone. Levi Brown became the most prolific passer in league history last year, and it may take all four quarterback candidates to replace him. Junior Jamie Hampton opened 2008 as the starter before a knee injury, and despite a 2009 redshirt, he still has more experience than the others combined, including junior Dantavious Parker, who became Troy's "running" quarterback in spelling Brown last fall.

# 1

Only one Troy defensive starter from 2009 went through spring drills as the starter at the position he played last year (cornerback Bryan Willis).

Troy has to replace an all-league lineman, center Danny Franks, but tackles James Brown and Kyle Wilborn are back, and guard Tyler Clark, a first-team All-Sun Belt selection, will try to slide to the center slot. They'll try to poke holes for senior Dajuan Harris and 2009 league Freshman of the Year Shawn Southward (combined 1,185 yards) at running back.

Jerrel Jernigan had 71 catches for 1,101 yards last year and should make a run at Troy's career receiving marks while heading up a corps that has plenty of experience.

**DEFENSE** It's not like Troy lived and died with defense last year. The Trojans didn't have to with their high-octane offense, and that's a good thing since they were last in the Sun Belt

in pass defense and sixth in total defense. But it still can't be a good thing that Troy enters the season having to replace eight starters — nine if you include a position change.

All four starting down linemen and two starting linebackers have departed, and all six could wind up on NFL rosters this season. Good for them, but bad for a Trojan team that also lost both regular safeties to graduation.

Barry Valcin started at cornerback last year but will return to his recruited position at strong safety, while freshman All-American Bryan Willis is back at corner after tying for third on the team in tackles in his first college season. After that, the only other known quantity on defense is linebacker/nickelback Daniel Sheffield, who missed spring drills after shoulder surgery.

End Mario Addison and linebackers Xavier Lamb and Donnell Golden are in the mix after seeing extensive backup action last season, but the depth that has been a Trojan hallmark isn't there.

**SPECIALISTS** Punter Will Goggans (40.8 per kick) and kicker Michael Taylor (11-of-14 field goals) are both back, as are both snappers. Troy will look to boost a return game that ranked last in the Sun Belt in punt returns — likely by design, since the first goal of the unit was to secure possession for the potent offense.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Any other team in the Sun Belt would be devastated with this many standouts to replace, but Troy has more of a veteran stockpile than anyone else with 27 junior college or four-year transfers on the roster. That makes filling holes in the depth chart a lot easier. An under-appreciated running game may get its due until the quarterback situation shakes out, and if that happens, the Trojans should be able to light scoreboard lamps again, take pressure off a youthful defense and be in the hunt for a fifth straight title.

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JERREL JERNIGAN

### THE QUOTE

"We may have more holes than we have ever had. I know all of those other teams in the league are licking their chops looking at all we lost."

— Troy head coach Larry Blakeney

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	3 Jerrel Jernigan (Sr.)	9 Jason Bruce (Sr.)
WR	21 Austin Silvoy (Sr.)	1 Brett Moncrief (Jr.)
WR	10 Tebarius Gill (Sr.)	8 Chip Reeves (Jr.)
LT	70 James Brown (Jr.)	68 Jay Stansberry (Fr.)
LG	69 Tyler Graves (Sr.)	78 Jacob Creech (So.)
C	58 Tyler Clark (Sr.)	60 Zach Swindall (Jr.)
RG	55 Micah Grimes (Jr.)	67 Jimmie Arnold (Fr.)
RT	77 Kyle Wilborn (So.)	74 Nathan Newland (Sr.)
TE	80 Matt Stidham (Jr.)	87 Donnie Crosby (Sr.)
QB	7 Jamie Hampton (Jr.)	17 Dantavious Parker (Jr.)
RB	32 Dajuan Harris (Sr.)	20 Shawn Southward (So.)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	7 Mario Addison (Sr.)	95 Antonio Harper (Fr.)
DT	98 Sidell Corley (Jr.)	96 James Searcy (So.)
NT	92 Emmanuel Dudley (Jr.)	93 Riley Flowers (Jr.)
DE	94 Jonathan Massaquoi (So.)	46 Brandon Boudreaux (Jr.)
LB	40 Donnell Golden (Jr.)	40 Johnny Thompson (Fr.)
LB	25 Xavier Lamb (Jr.)	56 Jacoby Thomas (So.)
LB	39 Daniel Sheffield (Sr.)	44 Kanorris Davis (So.)
CB	19 Jimmie Anderson (Jr.)	27 Chris Blanton (Jr.)
CB	26 Bryan Willis (So.)	34 KeJuan Phillips (So.)
SS	15 Barry Valcin (Sr.)	43 Caleb Massey (Fr.)
FS	22 Willard Ross (Sr.)	23 Bryant McKissic (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	35 Michael Taylor (Jr.)	KR	3 Jerrel Jernigan (Sr.)
P	47 Will Goggans (Jr.)	PR	10 Tebarius Gill (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Dantavious Parker, 19-10-87-0, 0 TD  
Rushing: Shawn Southward, 110 car, 602 yds., 12 TDs  
Receiving: Jerrel Jernigan, 71 rec., 1,101 yds., 4 TDs  
Tackles: Bryan Willis, 73, 60 solo  
Sacks: Mario Addison, 2.5  
Interceptions: Bryan Willis, 4 for 39 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Bowling Green
Sept. 11	at Oklahoma State
Sept. 18	at UAB
Sept. 25	Arkansas State
Oct. 5	at Middle Tennessee
Oct. 16	UL-Lafayette
Oct. 30	at UL-Monroe
Nov. 6	at North Texas
Nov. 13	FIU
Nov. 20	at South Carolina
Nov. 27	Western Kentucky
Dec. 4	at Florida Atlantic

### 2009 RESULTS (9-4, 8-0)

Sept. 3	at Bowling Green	L	14-31
Sept. 12	at Florida	L	6-56
Sept. 19	UAB	W	27-14
Sept. 26	at Arkansas State	W	30-27
Oct. 6	Middle Tennessee	W	31-7
Oct. 17	at FIU	W	42-33
Oct. 24	North Texas	W	50-26
Oct. 31	UL-Monroe	W	42-21
Nov. 7	at Western Kentucky	W	40-20
Nov. 14	at Arkansas	L	20-56
Nov. 21	Florida Atlantic	W	47-21
Nov. 28	at UL-Lafayette	W	48-31
Jan. 6	#Central Michigan	L (ot)	41-44
	#GMAC Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	33.7 ppg	1	16
Rushing	149.2 ypg	6	60
Passing	336.5 ypg	1	4
Total	485.7 ypg	1	3

Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	29.8 ppg	4	92
Rushing	137.8 ypg	4	53
Passing	286.8 ypg	9	118
Total	424.5 ypg	6	104

TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
-6	-0.46	7	94

HEAD COACH: LARRY BLAKENEY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 153-77-1 (19 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 153-77-1 (19 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KENNY EDENFIELD DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: JEREMY ROWELL





BOWLING GREEN, KY. L.T. SMITH STADIUM (22,113)

**OFFENSE** New head coach, new offense. Sounds simple, but just how quickly the Hilltoppers adapt from the previous spread offense to a more traditional attack will determine how effective they will be.

Junior college transfer Matt Pelesasa emerged from spring as lead quarterback for the West Coast style that could feature as many as two backs and two tight ends at a time. Incumbent Kawaun Jakes, a dual threat who missed most of spring drills with an ankle injury, started eight of the final nine games last season and had 1,516 passing and 355 rushing yards.

The line returns three starters and is adjusting to more run-blocking to find holes for junior back Bobby Rainey, a shifty and sturdy rusher who gained 939 yards last season. He might not have breakaway speed, but his quickness in limited space results in plus yardage at the end of runs.

Freshman receiver Willie McNeal was the MVP of the spring game and is destined to be the Hilltoppers' primary target.

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Western Kentucky enters the season with 20 straight defeats, the nation's longest losing streak.

**DEFENSE** Like the offense, there is change here, too. Gone is the 3-4 scheme that was part of the worst defense in the Sun Belt, ranking last in points allowed (39.6 ppg) and next to last in total yardage (478.2 ppg). A more conventional 4-3 approach will be led by a key defender in each of the three defensive areas.

Senior middle linebacker Thomas Majors is the defensive leader and one of the league's top performers. He posted 101 tackles last season, including 14 against Navy.

Junior Jared Clendenin, a solid pass-rusher

with quickness to the ball, will move to a more natural end position. The playmaker in the secondary is junior safety Mark Santoro, the team's second-leading tackler (91).

**SPECIALISTS** Rainey established himself as one of the Sun Belt's best all-around players after leading the league and ranking eighth nationally in all-purpose yards per game (175.1), including 23.9 per kickoff return. Junior kicker Casey Tinius is solid (14-for-19 on field goals last season). He also could handle punting duties.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Only four players in Western Kentucky football's 91-year history have had their jersey number retired. One of them is Hilltoppers first-year head coach Willie Taggart. A former standout quarterback who set 11 school records from 1995-98, Taggart knows the lay of the land. He didn't venture from WKU following his playing days, spending eight seasons on the WKU coaching staff. And he was co-offensive coordinator when the Hilltoppers won the 2002 Division I-AA national championship.

But that was then and this is now for Taggart, who spent the past three seasons as running backs coach at Stanford under coach Jim Harbaugh, including last season when he tutored Heisman Trophy finalist Toby Gerhart.

The Hilltoppers enter their second season competing at college football's highest level. And it is easy to peg them at the bottom of the barrel. After all, they didn't win a game last season and have a long way to go to compete in the Sun Belt — a league that continues to emerge as a solid mid-major and now has multiple bowl tie-ins.

That's where recruiting will be key for the energetic Taggart, whose first incoming class was ranked tops in the Sun Belt by one service.

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BOBBY RAINEY

### THE QUOTE

"We don't want people who are bus riders and steak eaters. We want people who are willing to compete and pay the price to be successful. We have to learn to compete in everything we do."

— Coach Willie Taggart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	7 Quinterrance Cooper (Sr.)	9 Marcus Vasquez (So.)
WR	86 Willie McNeal (Fr.)	5 Derrius Brooks (Jr.)
LT	77 Wes Jeffries (Jr.)	60 Ed Hazelett (So.)
LG	74 Mychal Patterson (Sr.)	63 Luis Polanco (Fr.)
C	72 Derrick Elder (Sr.)	65 Sean Conway (Fr.)
RG	75 Seth White (So.)	67 Cody Wideliski (So.)
RT	68 Preston King (Sr.)	76 Adam Smith (So.)
TE	82 Jack Doyle (So.)	33 Tristan Jones (Jr.)
QB	2 Matt Pelesasa (Jr.)	6 Kawaun Jakes (So.)
FB	27 Rod Johnson (Sr.)	42 Nick Baisch (Fr.)
RB	3 Bobby Rainey (Jr.)	28 Braxton Miller (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	5 Jared Clendenin (Jr.)	98 Galation King (Fr.)
NT	92 James Hervey (So.)	95 Kenny Martin (So.)
DT	45 Cole Tischer (So.)	54 Korentheus Bailey (So.)
DE	93 Quanterus Smith (So.)	90 Bo Adebayo (Jr.)
SLB	10 Chris Bullard (Sr.)	9 Ty Golden (So.)
MLB	6 Thomas Majors (Sr.)	57 Josh Carter (So.)
WLB	31 Orlando Misaalefua (Sr.)	50 Ben Duvall (Jr.)
CB	18 Jamal Forrest (So.)	24 Willie Simmons (So.)
CB	26 Avery Hibbett (Jr.)	37 Vince Williams (Fr.)
SS	19 Mark Santoro (Jr.)	29 Kiante Young (Fr.)
FS	15 Ryan Beard (Jr.)	46 Kareem Peterson (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	83 Casey Tinius (Jr.)	KR	3 Bobby Rainey (Jr.)
P	99 Hendrix Brakefield (Fr.)	PR	86 Willie McNeal (Fr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kawaun Jakes, 244-148-1,516-9, 9 TDs  
Rushing: Bobby Rainey, 144 car, 939 yds., 6 TDs  
Receiving: Jack Doyle, 37 rec., 365 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Thomas Majors, 101, 42 solo  
Sacks: Bo Adebayo, 2.5

Interceptions: Four players tied with 1

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Nebraska
Sept. 11	at Kentucky
Sept. 18	Indiana
Sept. 25	at South Florida
Oct. 9	at FIU
Oct. 16	UL Monroe
Oct. 23	at UL Lafayette
Oct. 30	North Texas
Nov. 6	Florida Atlantic
Nov. 13	at Arkansas State
Nov. 20	Middle Tennessee
Nov. 27	at Troy

### 2009 RESULTS (0-12, 0-8)

Sept. 5	at Tennessee	L	7-63
Sept. 12	South Florida	L	13-35
Sept. 19	Central Arkansas	L	7-28
Sept. 26	at Navy	L	22-38
Oct. 10	FIU	L	20-37
Oct. 17	UL Lafayette	L	22-30
Oct. 24	at Middle Tennessee	L	24-62
Oct. 31	at North Texas	L	49-68
Nov. 7	Troy	L	20-40
Nov. 14	at UL Monroe	L	18-21
Nov. 28	at Florida Atlantic	L	23-29
Dec. 3	Arkansas State	L	20-24

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	20.4 ppg	9	104
Rushing	172.8 ypg	4	37
Passing	147.9 ypg	9	110
Total	320.8 ypg	9	101
Defense	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
Scoring	39.6 ppg	9	119
Rushing	244.8 ypg	9	118
Passing	233.4 ypg	6	81
Total	478.3 ypg	8	118
TO Margin	Per Game	Sun Belt	Nat'l
-12	-1.00	8	115

HEAD COACH: WILLIE TAGGART RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON









OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: WILLIE TAGGART DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CLINT BOWEN





Titus Young

## PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

		WAC	OVERALL
	1. BOISE STATE	8-0	11-1
	2. NEVADA	6-2	9-4
	3. FRESNO STATE	6-2	8-4
	4. LOUISIANA TECH	4-4	6-6
	5. UTAH STATE	4-4	5-7
	6. HAWAII	4-4	6-7
	7. IDAHO	2-6	4-8
	8. SAN JOSE STATE	1-7	3-10
	9. NEW MEXICO STATE	1-7	1-11

## 2010 UNIT RANKINGS

	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
BOISE STATE	1	1	1	2	1	4	1
FRESNO STATE	5	4	5	1	3	2	4
HAWAII	6	9	2	9	5	7	5
IDAHO	3	6	4	7	4	6	7
LOUISIANA TECH	7	5	7	4	6	3	3
NEVADA	2	2	3	3	2	1	9
NEW MEXICO STATE	9	7	9	6	7	9	2
SAN JOSE STATE	8	8	6	8	9	8	6
UTAH STATE	4	3	8	5	8	5	8

## FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Kellen Moore	6'0"	187	Jr.	Boise State
RB	Jeremy Avery	5'9"	173	Sr.	Boise State
RB	Vai Taua	5'10"	220	Sr.	Nevada
WR	Greg Salas	6'2"	200	Sr.	Hawaii
WR	Titus Young	5'11"	170	Sr.	Boise State
TE	Kyle Efaw	6'4"	229	Jr.	Boise State
C	Joe Bernardi	6'2"	280	Sr.	Fresno State
OL	John Bender	6'8"	325	Sr.	Nevada
OL	Andrew Jackson	6'5"	295	Sr.	Fresno State
OL	Rob McGill	6'6"	310	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
OL	Nate Potter	6'6"	293	Jr.	Boise State

## FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Chris Carter	6'2"	230	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Dontay Moch	6'1"	245	Sr.	Nevada
DL	Billy Winn	6'4"	288	Jr.	Boise State
DL	Ryan Winterswyk	6'4"	263	Sr.	Boise State
LB	Ben Jacobs	6'3"	225	Sr.	Fresno State
LB	James Michael-Johnson	6'2"	240	Jr.	Nevada
LB	Bobby Wagner	6'1"	230	Jr.	Utah State
CB	Davon House	6'0"	178	Sr.	New Mexico State
CB	Brandyn Thompson	5'10"	180	Sr.	Boise State
S	Duke Ihenacho	6'1"	210	Sr.	San Jose State
S	Jeron Johnson	5'11"	194	Sr.	Boise State

## FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Kevin Goessling	6'0"	195	So.	Fresno State
P	Kyle Brotzman	5'10"	201	Sr.	Boise State
KR	Titus Young	5'11"	170	Sr.	Boise State
PR	Phillip Livas	5'8"	175	Sr.	Louisiana Tech

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Colin Kaepernick	6'6"	220	Sr.	Nevada
RB	Robbie Rouse	5'7"	185	So.	Fresno State
RB	Michael Smith	5'8"	195	Sr.	Utah State
WR	Austin Pettis	6'3"	201	Sr.	Boise State
WR	Brandon Wimberly	6'3"	195	So.	Nevada
TE	Virgil Green	6'5"	240	Sr.	Nevada
C	Thomas Byrd	5'11"	284	Jr.	Boise State
OL	Chris Barker	6'4"	305	So.	Nevada
OL	Matt Cleveland	6'4"	314	Jr.	Idaho
OL	Sioeli Fakalata	6'3"	321	Sr.	New Mexico State
OL	Kenny Wiggins	6'7"	310	Sr.	Fresno State

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Cornell Banks	6'3"	300	Sr.	Fresno State
DL	Matt Broha	6'4"	235	Jr.	Louisiana Tech
DL	Pierre Fils	6'3"	234	Jr.	New Mexico State
DL	Aaron Lavarias	6'3"	248	Sr.	Idaho
LB	Joseph Dickson	6'2"	229	Sr.	Idaho
LB	Brandon Marshall	6'1"	235	Jr.	Nevada
LB	Aaron Tevis	6'3"	228	Jr.	Boise State
CB	Desia Dunn	5'9"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
CB	Isaiah Frey	6'0"	190	Jr.	Nevada
S	Shiloh Keo	5'11"	211	Sr.	Idaho
S	Mana Silva	6'1"	220	Sr.	Hawaii

## SECOND-TEAM SPECIALISTS

K	Kyle Brotzman	5'10"	201	Sr.	Boise State
P	Peter Caldwell	6'4"	228	Sr.	Utah State
KR	Phillip Livas	5'8"	175	Sr.	Louisiana Tech
PR	Titus Young	5'11"	170	Sr.	Boise State

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**OFFENSE** Junior quarterback Kellen Moore, who finished seventh in Heisman Trophy voting last year, tossed 39 touchdown passes and only three interceptions. His weapons include All-WAC wideouts Austin Pettis (14 TD catches) and Titus Young (15 total TDs), tight ends Tommy Gallarda and Kyle Efaw (Fiesta Bowl Offensive MVP) and tailbacks Jeremy Avery (1,151 rushing yards), Doug Martin (15 rushing TDs) and D.J. Harper (6.5 yards per carry before tearing an ACL).

If there's a question, it's the offensive line — a much-maligned group that made major strides last year by producing 5.1 yards per carry and allowing five sacks, fewest in the nation. The Broncos have started 17 line combinations in the past 27 games — and they're still shuffling. Right guard Kevin Sapien retired because of injuries, and up-and-comers Brenel Myers (two starts), Faraji Wright (none) and Charles Leno Jr. (none) are expected to handle the tackle jobs, enhancing an already athletic line. All-WAC left tackle Nate Potter shifted to left guard in spring ball and is joined by returning starters Thomas Byrd at center and Will Lawrence at right guard.

The group forced 35 turnovers and racked up 26 sacks last season and returns some of the most talented players in the WAC in ends Ryan Winterswyk (nine sacks) and Shea McClellin, tackle Billy Winn (12.5 tackles for a loss), nickel Winston Venable, safety Jeron Johnson and cornerback Brandyn Thompson (Fiesta Bowl Defensive MVP).

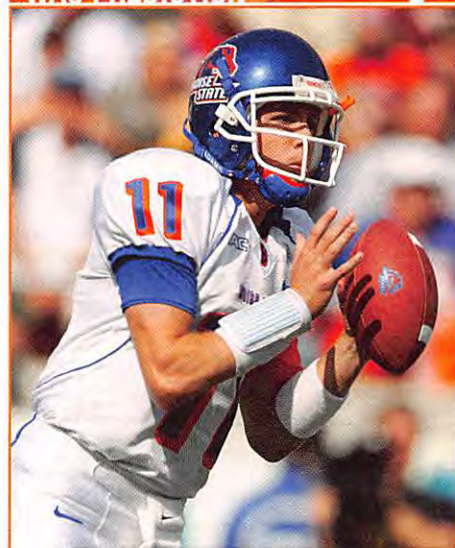
They'll play for a new coordinator, defensive line coach Pete Kwiatkowski. The former Montana State coordinator was promoted to replace Tennessee-bound Justin Wilcox.

**SPECIALISTS** Senior kicker/punter Kyle Brotzman enters his fourth season in the dual role. He was 4-of-11 on left-hash field goal attempts last season and 14-of-14 from everywhere else. He slumped with his punting late in the season, but he has a knack for pinning opponents in big games. Young returned two kickoffs for touchdowns last season and likely will add the punt return duties this year, replacing Kyle Wilson. The Broncos boast exceptional special teams units that should be even better with the personnel continuity.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Broncos are widely considered national championship contenders this year — and for good reason. They return 20 of the 22 Fiesta Bowl starters and they are 26-1 the past two seasons with just a one-point loss to TCU in the 2008 Poinsettia Bowl.

This should be the best, deepest, most well-rounded Boise State team ever — and the schedule provides the critical showcase opportunities the Broncos need. They open against Virginia Tech in Landover, Md., and face Oregon State at Bronco Stadium in late September. And for good measure, they'll appear on ESPN2 on three straight Friday nights in November — keeping them in front of the voters.

If the Broncos survive September, a title shot seems well within reach.



KELLEN MOORE

### THE QUOTE

"Everyone needs to be extremely paranoid and have an edge. ... If we think we're going to repeat because of the guys we have coming back, because of what we did last year, I promise you we won't."

— Coach Chris Petersen

**.925**

Boise State's Chris Petersen has a winning percentage of .925 in four seasons as a head coach (49-4).

**DEFENSE** The Broncos were dominant defensively at times last year — most famously in their two biggest games, holding Oregon and TCU to a combined total of 18 points. But they also had a bad habit of surrendering the big play, allowing Fresno State, Louisiana Tech and Nevada to hang around in games that shouldn't have been close. With nine starters returning, the Broncos were able to spend spring ball cleaning up those mistakes.

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	2 Austin Pettis (Sr.)	89 Tyler Shoemaker (Jr.)
WR	1 Titus Young (Sr.)	34 Kirby Moore (So.)
LT	78 Charles Leno (Fr.)	75 Faraji Wright (So.)
LG	73 Nate Potter (Jr.)	72 Matt Slater (Sr.)
C	66 Thomas Byrd (Jr.)	61 Joe Kellogg (So.)
RG	59 Will Lawrence (Sr.)	57 Garrett Pendergast (Jr.)
RT	64 Brenel Myers (So.)	57 Garrett Pendergast (Jr.)
TE	85 Tommy Gallarda (Sr.)	80 Kyle Efaw (Jr.)
QB	11 Kellen Moore (Jr.)	7 Michael Coughlin (Sr.)
FB	47 Dan Paul (Jr.)	88 Chandler Koch (So.)
TB	27 Jeremy Avery (Sr.)	6 D.J. Harper (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (9)

DE	98 Ryan Winterswyk (Sr.)	96 Jarrett Root (Jr.)
DT	97 Chase Baker (Jr.)	50 J.P. Nisby (Jr.)
DT	90 Billy Winn (Jr.)	91 Greg Grimes (So.)
DE	92 Shea McClellin (Jr.)	41 Kharyee Marshall (Fr.)
LB	52 Derrell Acrey (Sr.)	94 Byron Hout (Jr.)
LB	36 Aaron Tevis (Jr.)	48 J.C. Percy (So.)
CB	21 Jamar Taylor (So.)	10 Jerrell Gavins (Jr.)
CB	13 Brandyn Thompson (Sr.)	37 Ebo Makinde (Fr.)
S	23 Jeron Johnson (Sr.)	30 Travis Stanaway (Jr.)
S	8 George Illoka (Jr.)	16 Cedric Febis (Jr.)
N	17 Winston Venable (Sr.)	25 Hunter White (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	35 Kyle Brotzman (Sr.)	KR	1 Titus Young (Sr.)
P	35 Kyle Brotzman (Sr.)	PR	1 Titus Young (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kellen Moore, 431-277-3,536-3, 39 TDs  
 Rushing: Jeremy Avery, 209 car., 1,151 yds., 6 TDs  
 Receiving: Titus Young, 79 rec., 1,041 yds., 10 TDs  
 Tackles: Jeron Johnson, 91, 54 solo  
 Sacks: Ryan Winterswyk, 9  
 Interceptions: Brandyn Thompson, 6 for 67 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	#Virginia Tech
Sept. 18	at Wyoming
Sept. 25	Oregon State
Oct. 2	at New Mexico State
Oct. 9	Toledo
Oct. 16	at San Jose State
Oct. 26	Louisiana Tech
Nov. 6	Hawaii
Nov. 12	at Idaho
Nov. 19	Fresno State
Nov. 26	at Nevada
Dec. 4	Utah State
	#Landover, MD

### 2009 RESULTS (14-0, 8-0)

Sept. 3	Oregon	W	19-8
Sept. 12	Miami (Ohio)	W	48-0
Sept. 18	at Fresno State	W	51-34
Sept. 26	at Bowling Green	W	49-14
Oct. 3	UC Davis	W	34-16
Oct. 14	at Tulsa	W	28-21
Oct. 24	at Hawaii	W	54-9
Oct. 31	San Jose State	W	45-7
Nov. 6	at Louisiana Tech	W	45-35
Nov. 14	Idaho	W	63-25
Nov. 20	at Utah State	W	52-21
Nov. 27	Nevada	W	44-33
Dec. 5	New Mexico State	W	42-7
Jan. 4	#TCU	W	17-10
	#Fiesta Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	42.2	ppg	1	1
Rushing	186.1	ypg	4	26
Passing	264.1	ypg	3	29
Total	450.2	ypg	3	10
	Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	17.1	ppg	1	14
Rushing	120.4	ypg	2	28
Passing	179.9	ypg	1	21
Total	300.2	ypg	1	14
	TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
	+21	+1.50	1	3

HEAD COACH: CHRIS PETERSEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 49-4 (4 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 49-4 (4 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BRYAN HARSIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PETE KWIATKOWSKI





# FRESNO STATE

FRESNO, CALIF. BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)

## BULLDOGS

**OFFENSE** Pat Hill enters his 14th season at Fresno State knowing he has a proven quarterback and veteran offensive line. The uncertainties are at tailback and receiver.

As a first-year starter, Ryan Colburn completed 61 percent of his passes for 2,459 yards and 19 touchdowns. Good numbers, but Hill insists backup Derek Carr will get a crack at the starting job in preseason. Though both had good springs, it's hard to imagine Hill demoting Colburn, a senior and team captain. David Carr's younger brother likely redshirts, with Kelly O'Brien as the backup.

Fresno State was one of the nation's top running teams last fall, largely due to Ryan Mathews, a first-round NFL Draft pick who rushed for 1,808 yards and 19 touchdowns. Robbie Rouse averaged 5.8 yards per carry as a change of pace, but no one knows if the 5'7", 185-pounder can carry the load. A.J. Ellis and Michael Harris are the other players to watch. Ellis is similar to Rouse in that both are quick and elusive. Harris is more of the physical, north-south runner Hill typically prefers.

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Fresno State leads all FBS teams with 49 blocked kicks since the 2002 season.

Jamel Hamler developed a good rapport with Colburn and was the Bulldogs' second-leading receiver with 37 catches for 503 yards and five touchdowns. The other projected starting wideout, Devon Wylie, has shown flashes of big-play ability but not much durability. Tight end Vince Pascoe, used more as an H-back, and his backup, Tapa Taumoepeau, are the only other players on the roster with a career reception.

An All-WAC right side of tackle Kenny Wiggins and guard Andrew Jackson spearheads a line that returns all five starters.

**DEFENSE** Stopping the run has been a glaring weakness in recent years. The only way it gets better is through player development, because the same front seven that surrendered 214.1 yards per game last year (111th among FBS teams) returns almost intact.

End Chris Carter and middle linebacker Ben Jacobs are the unit's anchors. Carter fought through double-teams (and a broken hand) to record five sacks and 13 tackles for a loss, and Jacobs led the team in tackles (106) for the second straight year. The potential difference-maker is Travis Brown, who has a chance to become the run-stuffing strong-side linebacker the Bulldogs have lacked.

Lorne Bell, the team's second-leading tackler in 2009, moves to strong safety, where his helmet-rattling style can do the most good. Other than Desia Dunn, a 13-game starter last fall, the cornerbacks are green.

**SPECIALISTS** Blocked kicks and long runbacks are a program trademark, but Hill had to act fast when John Baxter, his longest tenured assistant, left in March for USC. Baxter's replacement, Pete Alamar, previously coached special teams and tight ends at Cal. Alamar inherits All-WAC kicker Kevin Goessling, who booted 15 straight field goals last season, and freshman punter Matt Darr.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** As the Bulldogs prepared for the New Mexico Bowl, school officials announced that Hill's contract would be extended beyond 2010, when it was set to expire. Since then, both sides have been mum on the subject, opening the door to the possibility that nothing will get done before the season.

Hill's resume includes 10 bowl appearances and quality academics, even though his last WAC title (in 1999) feels like a century ago. The Bulldogs have enough talent to beat most teams on their schedule, but not to keep from breathing Boise State's exhaust fumes.

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ROBBIE ROUSE

### THE QUOTE

"They start strong and play so well early in the year (on defense) and you wonder how you are going to move it on them. But then they seem to fall off as the year goes on."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	17 Jamel Hamler (Jr.)	11 Rashad Evans (So.)
WR	7 Bryce Wylie (Sr.)	81 J.J. Stallworth (So.)
LT	70 Bryce Harris (Jr.)	76 Marcel Jensen (So.)
LG	79 Devon Cunningham (Sr.)	51 Matt Hunt (So.)
C	74 Joe Bernardi (Sr.)	53 Richard Helepiko (So.)
RG	69 Andrew Jackson (Sr.)	62 Leslie Cooper (Jr.)
RT	60 Kenny Wiggins (Sr.)	72 Austin Wentworth (Fr.)
TE	49 Vince Pascoe (Sr.)	46 Tapa Taumoepeau (So.)
QB	15 Ryan Colburn (Sr.)	Kelly O'Brien (So.)
FB	41 Austin Raphael (Jr.)	44 Dylan Cruz (So.)
RB	8 Robbie Rouse (So.)	26 Michael Harris (So.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	43 Chris Carter (Sr.)	95 Matt Akers (So.)
NT	50 Cornell Banks (Sr.)	65 Chase McEntee (Jr.)
DT	77 Logan Harrell (Jr.)	99 Mark Roberts (Sr.)
DE	93 Chris Lewis (Sr.)	94 Donavahn Pritchett (Jr.)
LB	39 Shawn Plummer (Jr.)	53 Kyle Knox (Jr.)
LB	54 Ben Jacobs (Sr.)	31 Daniel Salinas (So.)
LB	9 Travis Brown (So.)	30 Patrick Su'a (Fr.)
CB	24 Desia Dunn (Sr.)	37 Jermaine Thomas (So.)
CB	10 Isaiah Green (Jr.)	17 L.J. Jones (Fr.)
SS	20 Lorne Bell (Sr.)	33 Zak Hill (Jr.)
FS	16 Phillip Thomas (So.)	15 Terrance Dennis (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	35 Kevin Goessling (So.)	KR	11 Rashad Evans (So.)
P	Matt Darr (Fr.)	PR	7 Devon Wylie (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ryan Colburn, 298-181-2,459-11, 19 TDs

Rushing: Robbie Rouse, 82 car., 479 yds., 4 TDs

Receiving: Jamel Hamler, 37 rec., 503 yds., 5 TDs

Tackles: Ben Jacobs, 106, 60 solo

Sacks: Chris Carter, 5

Interceptions: Phillip Thomas, 2 for 26 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Cincinnati
Sept. 18	at Utah State
Sept. 25	at Ole Miss
Oct. 2	Cal Poly
Oct. 9	Hawaii
Oct. 16	New Mexico State
Oct. 23	at San Jose State
Nov. 6	at Louisiana Tech
Nov. 13	Nevada
Nov. 19	at Boise State
Nov. 27	Idaho
Dec. 3	Illinois

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 6-2)

Sept. 5	UC Davis	W	51-0
Sept. 12	at Wisconsin	L (2ot)	31-34
Sept. 18	Boise State	L	34-51
Sept. 26	at Cincinnati	L	20-28
Oct. 10	at Hawaii	W	42-17
Oct. 17	San Jose State	W	41-21
Oct. 24	at New Mexico State	W	34-3
Oct. 31	Utah State	W	31-27
Nov. 7	at Idaho	W	31-21
Nov. 14	at Nevada	L	14-52
Nov. 21	Louisiana Tech	W	30-28
Dec. 5	at Illinois	W	53-52
Dec. 19	#Wyoming	L (2ot)	28-35
	#New Mexico Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	33.9 ppg	3	14
Rushing	228.9 ypg	2	8
Passing	201.6 ypg	6	79
Total	430.5 ypg	6	17
Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.4 ppg	3	84
Rushing	214.1 ypg	7	111
Passing	199.6 ypg	3	32
Total	413.7 ypg	5	98
TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
-10	-0.77	7	109

HEAD COACH: PAT HILL RECORD AT SCHOOL: 100-66 (13 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 100-66 (13 YEARS)

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS: JEFF GRADY, DEREK FRAZIER CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATORS: RANDY STEWART





# HAWAII

HONOLULU, HAWAII ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)

## WARRIORS

**OFFENSE** For the first time in a decade of running the pass-happy run-and-shoot offense, Hawaii averaged less than 25 points per game in 2009, finishing 89th in scoring nationally. Three elements that will contribute to boosting that bottom line will be the return of part-time starting quarterback Bryant Moniz from a "personal leave," a successful comeback by wide receiver Rodney Bradley from a broken leg and the rebuilding of the offensive line.

Moniz threw for 2,396 yards and 14 touchdowns after taking over the starting job five games into the season. But he sat out much of spring ball, and his leave was listed as "indefinite" heading into the fall, when he is expected to return. Without Moniz, the Warriors could end up with Shane Austin, Brent Rausch or David Graves at quarterback. Those three have two starts among them.

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Hawaii ranked No. 102 in the nation with 2.77 sacks allowed per game. In the WAC, only San Jose State allowed more.

Bradley, the Warriors' deep threat, was third in the nation in yards per catch (18.5) when he suffered a season-ending broken left leg in the sixth game of 2009. Bradley's return would take pressure off inside receiver Greg Salas, who led the WAC with 106 catches, 1,590 yards and eight touchdowns. If Bradley is healthy, the combination of him, Salas and Kealoha Pilares, who had 66 receptions, would give the Warriors their best receiving set since 2007.

The Warriors lost four line starters, the most important of whom were three-time All-WAC center John Estes and second-team All-WAC tackle Aaron Kia. Matagisila Lefiti and Austin Hansen are being counted on to fill those positions. The return of Laupepa Letuli at right tackle through a medical hardship sixth season is a major bonus.

Senior Alex Green has added 20 pounds (to 230) and is poised for a breakout year at running back.

**DEFENSE** Hawaii had a lot of trouble last season stopping the run (107th nationally) and putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks (97th in pass efficiency defense). As a result, an offseason focus was beefing up the defensive line. Two transfers — tackle Kaniela Tuipulotu from Arizona and end Kamalu Umu from Charleston Southern — should help, as should the move of Paipai Falemalu from linebacker to end. The defense took a hit in the spring when linebacker Brashton Satele had his appeal for a sixth season of eligibility denied.

A secondary that was a source of concern last year should pay dividends this season. Free safety Mana Silva, who led the conference with six interceptions, heads an experienced group that includes all four starters and three backups who saw a lot of action.

**SPECIALISTS** The Warriors are looking for major improvement here. Australian punter Alex Dunnachie was in his first year of American football last season and averaged 39.2 yards. Kicker Scott Enos was perfect on extra points but struggled with field goal consistency and kickoffs. Highly regarded freshman recruit Tyler Hadden will push Enos for the job.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Coach Greg McMackin is 13–14 in two seasons, and the pressure that he's under to show improvement was evidenced by a spring shakeup in the coaching staff. Quarterbacks coach Nick Rolovich was promoted to offensive coordinator, defensive line coach Dave Aranda stepped up to defensive coordinator and Tony Tuioti moved from recruiting coordinator to defensive tackles coach. Depth will be tested in a schedule that doesn't offer up an open date until the 11th week.

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WAC PREDICTION

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GREG SALAS

### THE QUOTE

"In my opinion, Hawaii is that third team in the upper tier of the conference behind Boise and Nevada. They have the best homefield advantage in the league — and it's not even close."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	3 Rodney Bradley (Sr.)	18 Darius Bright (Jr.)
WR	81 Royce Pollard (Jr.)	5 Billy Ray Stutzmann (Fr.)
SB	1 Greg Salas (Sr.)	6 Dustin Blount (Sr.)
SB	21 Kealoha Pilares (Sr.)	88 Ryan Henry (Sr.)
LT	51 Austin Hansen (Jr.)	72 Clayton Laurel (Jr.)
LG	76 Brett Leonard (Jr.)	69 Andrew Faaumu (Sr.)
C	56 Matagisila Lefiti (Jr.)	61 London Sapolu (Jr.)
RG	66 Adrian Thomas (Sr.)	63 Brysen Ginlack (Sr.)
RT	50 Laupepa Letuli (Sr.)	70 Kainoa LaCount (Sr.)
QB	17 Bryant Moniz (Jr.)	10 Shane Austin (Jr.)
RB	25 Alex Green (Sr.)	26 Chizzy Dimude (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	94 Kamalu Umu (Sr.)	90 Elliott Purcell (Sr.)
LT	95 Vaughn Meatoga (Jr.)	51 Geordon Hanohano (So.)
RT	49 Kaniela Tuipulotu (Jr.)	99 Haku Correa (So.)
DE	42 Paipai Falemalu (So.)	61 Earvin Sione (So.)
LB	24 Aaron Brown (Jr.)	57 Art Laurel (Fr.)
LB	50 Mana Lolotai (Jr.)	5 Jake Heun (Sr.)
LB	41 Corey Paredes (Jr.)	40 Po'okela Ahmad (Sr.)
CB	2 Lametrius Davis (Sr.)	10 Kawika Ornellas (So.)
CB	8 Jeremy Bryant (Sr.)	7 Lewis Walker (So.)
SS	9 Spencer Smith (Sr.)	37 Kenny Estes (Jr.)
FS	43 Mana Silva (Sr.)	19 Richard Torres (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Tyler Hadden (Fr.)	KR	6 Dustin Blount (Sr.)
P	31 Alex Dunnachie (So.)	PR	88 Ryan Henry (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Bryant Moniz, 319-182-2,396-10, 14 TDs  
 Rushing: Alex Green, 86 car., 453 yds., 2 TDs  
 Receiving: Greg Salas, 106 rec., 1,590 yds., 8 TDs  
 Tackles: Spencer Smith, 77, 47 solo  
 Sacks: Corey Paredes, 4  
 Interceptions: Mana Silva, 6 for 28 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	USC
Sept. 11	at Army
Sept. 18	at Colorado
Sept. 25	Charleston Southern
Oct. 2	Louisiana Tech
Oct. 9	at Fresno State
Oct. 16	Nevada
Oct. 23	at Utah State
Oct. 30	Idaho
Nov. 6	at Boise State
Nov. 20	San Jose State
Nov. 27	at New Mexico State
Dec. 4	UNLV

### 2009 RESULTS (6-7, 3-5)

Sept. 5	Central Arkansas	W	25-20
Sept. 12	#vs. Washington St.	W	38-20
Sept. 19	at UNLV	L	33-34
Sept. 30	at Louisiana Tech	L	6-27
Oct. 10	Fresno State	L	17-42
Oct. 17	at Idaho	L	23-35
Oct. 24	Boise State	L	9-54
Oct. 31	at Nevada	L	21-31
Nov. 7	Utah State	W	49-36
Nov. 14	New Mexico State	W	24-6
Nov. 21	at San Jose State	W (ot)	17-10
Nov. 28	Navy	W	24-17
Dec. 5	Wisconsin	L	10-51
	#Seattle		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	22.8 ppg	7	89
Rushing	100.5 ypg	8	109
Passing	337.0 ypg	1	3
Total	437.5 ypg	5	14
Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.5 ppg	5	90
Rushing	201.8 ypg	5	107
Passing	202.7 ypg	4	35
Total	404.5 ypg	3	93
TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
-11	-0.85	9	113

HEAD COACH: GREG MCMACKIN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 13-14 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 13-14 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: NICK ROLOVICH DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE ARANDA



MOSCOW, IDAHO KIBBIE DOME (15,800)

**OFFENSE** Idaho has a lot of weapons back from an offense that put up video game-type numbers last season as the Vandals recorded their first winning campaign in 10 years.

Idaho returns its starting quarterback (Nathan Enderle), tailback (Princeton McCarty) and deep-threat wide receiver (Maurice Shaw) from last year's Humanitarian Bowl-winning squad that should give the Vandals the scoring punch it needs to contend in the WAC.

But it's what isn't back that is the primary concern of coach Robb Akey and offensive coordinator Steve Axman, who must replace four senior starters on the offensive line, including All-America guard Mike Iupati.

"That's pretty critical to our offensive production because obviously we're experienced at the other spots," Akey says.

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Idaho's eight wins last season were one more than the Vandals' combined total from the previous three seasons.

Left tackle Matt Cleveland is the only returning starter from a line that helped Idaho rack up an average of 454.1 yards per game while scoring 32.7 points per game.

Enderle, a four-year starter, is the trigger man. He's strong-armed and makes great decisions both with the ball and changing plays and calling out protections at the line of scrimmage. That might be his most important duty because of the inexperience that will be in front of him.

**DEFENSE** For the Vandals to become a consistent winner, they'll need to play better defense. The good news is coordinator Mark Criner has 11 starters back. The bad news is those starters were part of a unit that surrendered 36.0 points and 433.2 yards per

game last season.

Senior safety Shiloh Keo is the leading playmaker of the bunch. He ranked second in the WAC in tackles last season and had a team-high three interceptions.

A key in improving the defense is getting better pressure on the quarterback. The Vandals managed only 15 sacks in 13 games last season. Idaho is hoping that senior defensive linemen Jonah Sataraka and Aaron Lavarias, who had four sacks apiece last season, can lead the improvement in that department.

**SPECIALISTS** One of the pleasant surprises last season was the success that freshman kicker Trey Farquhar and punter Bobby Cowan had in their first season of action. Both return for their sophomore seasons, and they aren't the only returning starters in this phase. Long snapper (Chris Ramos), holder (Brandon Artz), punt returner (Keo) and kickoff returner (Justin Veltung) all were solid last year and should give Idaho's special teams a boost this fall. On the flip side, the Vandals must improve their punt and kickoff coverage to help out the defense. Idaho ranked in the bottom half of the WAC last season on those coverage teams.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Idaho tasted success last year for the first time in a decade and would like to build off that success, which will be a tough task. The Vandals have a difficult non-conference schedule and have tough conference home games this season with Boise State and Nevada in November, which is a month where Idaho hasn't won a game since 2004.

For Idaho to record another winning season, Akey's squad must improve on its turnover margin (minus-8 last season) and improve defensively so the offense won't have to outscore teams to ensure success.

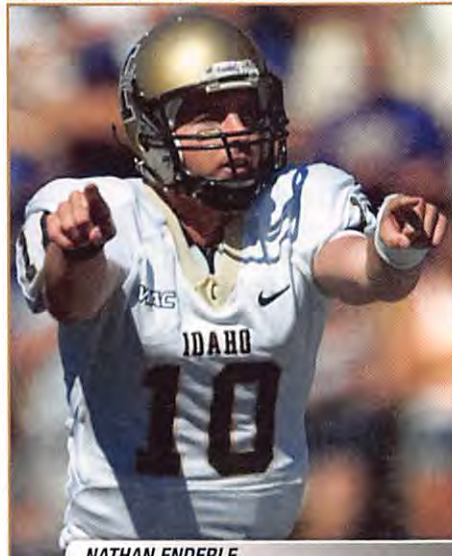
"I want to see this football team repeat as a bowl winner," Akey said. "That's one of our goals."

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WAC PREDICTION

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NATHAN ENDERLE

## THE QUOTE

"Kellen Moore is a great quarterback and Colin Kaepernick is a great quarterback. But Nathan Enderle is a great quarterback, too, and he doesn't get near the amount of credit or respect that he should."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

## OFFENSE (4)

WR	2 Maurice Shaw (Sr.)	Armauni Johnson (Jr.)
WR	7 Preston Davis (Jr.)	24 Justin Veltung (So.)
WR	1 Eric Greenwood (Sr.)	15 Marsel Posey (Jr.)
LT	70 Matt Cleveland (Jr.)	Charles Wiley (Jr.)
LG	Sam Tupua (Jr.)	Kyle Salm (Fr.)
C	71 Clell Hasenbank (Sr.)	Mike Marboe (Fr.)
RG	61 Tevita Halaholo (Sr.)	68 Guy Reynolds (So.)
RT	67 Tyrone Novikoff (Jr.)	63 Ron Mallory (So.)
TE	88 Daniel Hardy (Sr.)	81 Taylor Elmo (Fr.)
QB	10 Nathan Enderle (Sr.)	14 Brian Reader (Jr.)
RB	20 Princeton McCarty (Jr.)	3 Deonte Jackson (Sr.)

## DEFENSE (11)

DE	95 Aaron Lavarias (Sr.)	58 Benson Mayowa (So.)
DT	99 Jonah Sataraka (Sr.)	43 Fono Sekona (Sr.)
DT	93 Michael Cosgrove (Jr.)	40 Henry Asuega (So.)
DE	55 Andre Ferguson (Jr.)	96 Charles Smith (Jr.)
LB	34 JoJo Dickson (Sr.)	33 Conrad Scheidt (So.)
LB	42 Paul Senescall (Sr.)	51 Tre'Shawn Robinson (Jr.)
LB	1 Robert Siavii (Jr.)	3 Korey Toomer (Sr.)
CB	27 Isaac Butts (Sr.)	29 Matthew Harvey (Jr.)
CB	2 Kenneth Patten (Jr.)	16 Aaron Grymes (So.)
SS	10 Shiloh Keo (Sr.)	12 Quin Ashley (Sr.)
FS	8 Gary Walker (So.)	26 Brandon Artz (Sr.)

## SPECIAL TEAMS

K	21 Trey Farquhar (So.)	KR	10 Shiloh Keo (Sr.)
P	13 Bobby Cowan (So.)	PR	24 Justin Veltung (So.)

## RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Nathan Enderle, 312-192-2,906-9, 22 TDs  
 Rushing: Princeton McCarty, 115 car, 680 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: Daniel Hardy, 39 rec., 691 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: Shiloh Keo, 113, 72 solo  
 Sacks: Two players tied with 4

Interceptions: Shiloh Keo, 3 for 8 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

## 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	North Dakota
Sept. 11	at Nebraska
Sept. 18	UNLV
Sept. 25	at Colorado State
Oct. 2	at Western Michigan
Oct. 16	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 23	New Mexico State
Oct. 30	at Hawaii
Nov. 6	Nevada
Nov. 12	Boise State
Nov. 20	at Utah State
Nov. 27	at Fresno State
Dec. 4	San Jose State

## 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 4-4)

Sept. 5	at New Mexico State	W	21-6
Sept. 12	at Washington	L	23-42
Sept. 19	San Diego State	W	34-20
Sept. 26	at Northern Illinois	W	34-31
Oct. 3	Colorado State	W	31-29
Oct. 10	at San Jose State	W	29-25
Oct. 17	Hawaii	W	35-23
Oct. 24	at Nevada	L	45-70
Oct. 31	Louisiana Tech	W	35-34
Nov. 7	Fresno State	L	21-31
Nov. 14	at Boise State	L	25-63
Nov. 28	Utah State	L	49-52
Dec. 30	#Bowling Green	W	43-42
	#Humanitarian Bowl		

## 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	32.7 ppg	4	20
Rushing	164.7 ypg	6	45
Passing	286.7 ypg	2	12
Total	451.4 ypg	2	9
Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	36.0 ppg	9	114
Rushing	155.2 ypg	3	77
Passing	278.1 ypg	8	116
Total	433.2 ypg	7	107
TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
-3	-0.62	6	106

HEAD COACH: ROBB AKEY RECORD AT SCHOOL: 11-26 (3 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 11-26 (3 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: STEVE AXMAN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MARK CRINER





# LOUISIANA TECH

## BULLDOGS

RUSTON, LA. JOE AILLET STADIUM (30,600)

**OFFENSE** With connections to Hal Mumme and Mike Leach and his own experience as Arizona's offensive coordinator, first-year coach Sonny Dykes brings a multilayered passing background to Louisiana Tech. In addition, he hired spread guru Tony Franklin as the coordinator. So the Bulldogs figure to throw the ball a ton and likely will operate at a faster tempo in the offense-oriented WAC.

Dykes has plenty of firepower to build around. He has a nice blend of returnees from a unit that generated 372.3 yards per game last season, and a host of transfers from the SEC and other newcomers who can add an explosive element.

The quarterback job will be decided between incumbent Ross Jenkins, who passed for 2,095 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2009, and Steven Ensminger, a transfer from Auburn who led the way with 148 passing yards in Tech's spring game. Receivers Ahmad Paige (Tennessee) and Tim Molton (LSU) bring big-play potential.

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Louisiana Tech lost all seven of its road games last season, though the final four of those losses came by an average of 3.3 points per game — and that includes a 24-16 defeat at LSU.

The greasy-fast duo of Phillip Livas and Lyle Fitte will help the Bulldogs overcome the loss of Daniel Porter, who rushed for 1,132 yards in 2009. Livas is a triple-threat receiver, runner and returner. Tennessee transfer Lennon Creer is also in the mix. Senior Rob McGill anchors the line at left tackle, where he has started every game the last two seasons.

"We've got the personnel to run this offense," Dykes says. "Any time you're going to throw the ball like we are, it's important for the quarterbacks and receivers to be on the same page, so that makes the work these guys do this summer very important."

**DEFENSE** As much as the Bulldog offense might be different, the defense should have a very familiar look and feel. Dykes retained coordinator Tommy Spangler from Derek Dooley's staff, and it's easy to see why. Tech ranked second in the WAC to Boise State in total and scoring defense, surrendering 368.3 yards and 25.8 points per game, and snared 13 interceptions.

Back from that unit are the three top tacklers: linebackers Adrien Cole (93 tackles), Tank Calais (77) and Jay Dudley (75). Calais had a strong spring and will shift back to the strong safety spot as a senior.

Solomon Randle is pushing for playing time at linebacker, and Dykes says veterans Matt Broha and Ramone Randle are poised to anchor the line.

"I really like the overall team speed we have on defense," Dykes says. "We've got some playmakers on that side of the ball, and that's going to be important in our league."

**SPECIALISTS** Livas is a bona fide scoring threat every time he touches the ball in the return game. He produced 13.4 yards per punt return and 27.0 yards per kickoff return while reaching the end zone both ways in 2009. Should teams steer away from him, Fitte is a dangerous second option (22.2 yards per kickoff return). Kicker Matt Nelson was steady but unspectacular, and he must improve on kickoffs after sending seven out of bounds a year ago.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** In Dykes, the Bulldogs have an up-and-coming offensive mind — a necessary commodity in the WAC. But Louisiana Tech also has taken impressive strides defensively. With some depth at quarterback, a pair of SEC-caliber receivers and explosive threats on special teams, a solid defense could be the missing piece for Tech to pose a threat in the WAC this season and beyond.

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WAC PREDICTION

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PHILLIP LIVAS

### THE QUOTE

"They have to get better on defense. Their personnel on defense is just not there yet. They have a couple pieces on that side, but you can attack around those pieces."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (6)

Y	19 R.P. Stuart (Jr.)	80 Eric Harper (Jr.)
H	6 Phillip Livas (Sr.)	1 Richie Casey (So.)
Z	13 Ahmad Paige (So.)	8 Tim Molton (Fr.)
X	82 Jacarri Jackson (Fr.)	18 D.J. St. Julien (Fr.)
LT	74 Rob McGill (Sr.)	77 Michael Lacy (So.)
LG	57 Kevin Saia (So.)	69 Vince Cano (Fr.)
C	60 Lon Roberts (Sr.)	66 Matt Sheppard (Fr.)
RG	63 Stephen Warner (So.)	67 Jared Miles (Sr.)
RT	76 Cudahy Harmon (Sr.)	78 Jordan Mills (So.)
QB	7 Steven Ensminger (Sr.)	11 Ross Jenkins (Sr.)
RB	2 Lyle Fitte (So.)	5 Lennon Creer (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	91 Matt Broha (Jr.)	85 Randy Grigsby (Sr.)
DT	90 Mason Hitt (Sr.)	99 John White (Sr.)
DE	94 Ramone Randle (Sr.)	70 Justin Ellis (Fr.)
DT	93 Christian Lacey (Jr.)	55 Jonathan Zeno (Sr.)
SLB	48 Dusty Rust (Jr.)	40 Kiammi Washington (Sr.)
MLB	56 Solomon Randle (So.)	44 Adrien Cole (Jr.)
WLB	45 Jay Dudley (Jr.)	46 Rufus Porter (Fr.)
CB	28 Terry Carter (Jr.)	27 Quinn Giles (So.)
CB	15 Josh Victorian (Sr.)	24 Olajuwon Paige (Sr.)
SS	4 Tank Calais (Sr.)	31 Chad Boyd (So.)
FS	37 C.J. Broades (So.)	47 Javontay Crowe (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	33 Matt Nelson (So.)	KR	6 Phillip Livas (Sr.)
P	85 Stuart Scurria (So.)	PR	6 Phillip Livas (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ross Jenkins, 290-172-2,095-5, 17 TDs  
Rushing: Tyrone Duplessis, 70 car., 277 yds., 0 TD  
Receiving: Phillip Livas, 20 rec., 205 yds., 0 TD  
Tackles: Adrien Cole, 93, 36 solo  
Sacks: Matt Broha, 4

Interceptions: Josh Victorian, 3 for 75 yds.

(#) Indicates number of returning starters • BOLD indicates returning starters

### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	#Grambling State
Sept. 11	at Texas A&M
Sept. 18	Navy
Sept. 25	Southern Miss
Oct. 2	at Hawaii
Oct. 9	Utah State
Oct. 16	Idaho
Oct. 26	at Boise State
Nov. 6	Fresno State
Nov. 13	at New Mexico State
Nov. 27	at San Jose State
Dec. 4	Nevada
	#Shreveport, LA

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 3-5)

Sept. 5	at Auburn	L	13-37
Sept. 12	at Navy	L	14-32
Sept. 19	Nicholls State	W	48-13
Sept. 30	Hawaii	W	27-6
Oct. 9	at Nevada	L	14-37
Oct. 17	New Mexico State	W	45-7
Oct. 24	at Utah State	L	21-23
Oct. 31	at Idaho	L	34-35
Nov. 6	Boise State	L	35-45
Nov. 14	at LSU	L	16-24
Nov. 21	at Fresno State	L	28-30
Dec. 5	San Jose State	W	55-20

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.2 ppg	5	46	
Rushing	184.2 ypg	5	29	
Passing	188.1 ypg	7	91	
Total	372.3 ypg	7	64	
	Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	25.8 ppg	2	61	
Rushing	162.8 ypg	4	81	
Passing	205.5 ypg	6	40	
Total	368.3 ypg	2	60	
	TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
	+7	+0.58	2	19

HEAD COACH: SONNY DYKES RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TONY FRANKLIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TOMMY SPANGLER





RENO, NEV. MACKAY STADIUM (29,993)

## WOLF PACK

**OFFENSE** Nine starters return this year for Chris Ault's prolific Pistol offense, which was statistically the nation's best running attack last season.

The Wolf Pack will once again be led by quarterback Colin Kaepernick, a senior who will be in his fourth season as Nevada's starter. Kaepernick rushed for 1,183 yards and 16 touchdowns last year and completed 166-of-282 passes for 2,052 yards and 20 scores against six interceptions. Ault would like his star quarterback to become a more efficient passer.

Brandon Wimberly emerged as the Wolf Pack's go-to receiver last year as a freshman. But Nevada is trying to find a deep threat who can help stretch opposing defenses. Senior Chris Wellington is the most likely option after an injury-riddled junior season, but junior college transfer Rishard Mathews could also factor in after an impressive spring camp.

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Nevada allowed more than 300 yards passing in seven games last season en route to a national ranking of 119th in pass defense.

Senior running back Vai Tava will likely see the bulk of the carries this season after running for 1,345 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Nevada loses running back Luke Lippincott but remains deep at the position. Sophomore Mike Ball, a speedster who showed signs of brilliance at times last season, will battle junior Lampford Mark for playing time behind Tava.

**DEFENSE** With the need to find a stout defense to match its prolific offense, Ault lured former Pack star linebacker Andy Buh from Stanford to be the team's defensive coordinator. Buh's charge is to take a defense that has been one of the worst in the country against the pass

in recent years and build it up into one that can push Nevada over the Boise State hump in the WAC.

Dontay Moch enters his senior season as one of the more prolific pass-rushers in school history after earning WAC Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2009. But senior Ryan Coulson will be counted on to produce on the other side of the line following the early departure of Kevin Baspas to the NFL.

The linebacking corps has some budding stars, led by junior James-Michael Johnson, who will move to the middle this season. Brandon Marshall returns to one of the outside spots.

But the real improvement has to come from the secondary. Isaiah Frey showed he was capable at one of the corner spots last year, and sophomore Duke Williams has all-conference talent at strong safety. One of the more intriguing newcomers will be former Utah quarterback Corbin Louks, who is expected to claim the starting job at free safety.

**SPECIALISTS** Nevada is stable in the kicking game with punter Brad Langley and kicker Ricky Drake returning for their senior seasons. The return game, however, is another story. Nevada hasn't returned a kickoff for a touchdown in 138 games or a punt for a TD in 106 games. But Mathews, the newcomer who led all junior college players nationally in punt return average last year, could be the player who turns those fortunes around.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Nevada is starting the season with three straight home games, the most since 1991. That should help the Wolf Pack get over their early season struggles of the last few years.

Still, Nevada has a long way to close the gap with Boise State. The Wolf Pack are poised to make a sixth consecutive bowl, but unless the defense makes a dramatic improvement this year, that gap will remain in 2010.

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WAC PREDICTION

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COLIN Kaepernick

### THE QUOTE

"Their offense is scary good. You have to find a way to take their run away from them."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	82 Tray Session (Jr.)	88 Rishard Mathews (Jr.)
WR	4 Brandon Wimberly (So.)	19 Malcolm Shepherd (Sr.)
WR	14 Chris Wellington (Sr.)	18 L.J. Washington (So.)
LT	74 Steve Haley (Jr.)	70 Joel Bitonio (Fr.)
LG	62 John Bender (Sr.)	68 Steve Werner (So.)
C	67 Jeff Meads (Jr.)	71 Jordan Mudge (Jr.)
RG	75 Chris Barker (So.)	77 Alex Pinto (So.)
RT	79 Jose Acuna (Sr.)	78 Jeff Nady (So.)
TE	85 Virgil Green (Sr.)	44 Zach Sudfeld (Jr.)
QB	10 Colin Kaepernick (Sr.)	16 Tyler Lantrip (Jr.)
RB	34 Vai Tava (Sr.)	5 Mike Ball (So.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	58 Ryan Coulson (Sr.)	92 Mike Andrews (Jr.)
DT	93 Zack Madonick (Jr.)	95 Willie Faataualofo (Jr.)
DT	47 Brett Roy (Jr.)	98 Jack Reynoso (So.)
DE	55 Dontay Moch (Sr.)	87 Sam Foster (Fr.)
SLB	33 Brandon Marshall (Jr.)	57 Kaelin Burnett (Jr.)
MLB	52 James-Michael Johnson (Jr.)	51 Albert Rosette (So.)
WLB	42 DeAndre Boughton (Jr.)	31 Kevin Grimes (Sr.)
CB	28 Isaiah Frey (Jr.)	6 Doyle Miller (Sr.)
CB	6 Doyle Miller (Sr.)	37 Ahmad Wood (So.)
SS	20 Duke Williams (So.)	11 Dean Faddis (So.)
FS	7 Corbin Louks (Jr.)	8 Marlon Johnson (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	46 Ricky Drake (Sr.)	KR	5 Mike Ball (So.)
P	48 Brad Langley (Sr.)	PR	88 Rishard Mathews (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Colin Kaepernick, 282-166-2,052-6, 20 TDs  
 Rushing: Vai Tava, 172 car., 1,345 yds., 10 TDs  
 Receiving: Brandon Wimberly, 53 rec., 733 yds., 6 TDs  
 Tackles: Brandon Marshall, 61, 35 solo  
 Sacks: Dontay Moch, 6.5  
 Interceptions: Khalid Wooten, 2 for 1 yd.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Eastern Washington
Sept. 11	Colorado State
Sept. 17	California
Sept. 25	at BYU
Oct. 2	at UNLV
Oct. 9	San Jose State
Oct. 16	at Hawaii
Oct. 30	Utah State
Nov. 6	at Idaho
Nov. 13	at Fresno State
Nov. 20	New Mexico State
Nov. 26	Boise State
Dec. 4	at Louisiana Tech

### 2009 RESULTS (8-5, 7-1)

Sept. 5	at Notre Dame	L	0-35
Sept. 19	at Colorado State	L	20-35
Sept. 25	Missouri	L	21-31
Oct. 3	UNLV	W	63-28
Oct. 9	Louisiana Tech	W	37-14
Oct. 17	at Utah State	W	35-32
Oct. 24	Idaho	W	70-45
Oct. 31	Hawaii	W	31-21
Nov. 8	at San Jose State	W	62-7
Nov. 14	Fresno State	W	52-14
Nov. 21	at New Mexico State	W	63-20
Nov. 27	at Boise State	L	33-44
Dec. 24	#SMU	L	10-45
	#Hawaii Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	38.2 ppg	2	6	
Rushing	344.9 ypg	1	1	
Passing	160.7 ypg	8	107	
Total	505.6 ypg	1	2	
	Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	28.5 ppg	4	86	
Rushing	111.5 ypg	1	22	
Passing	297.8 ypg	9	119	
Total	409.3 ypg	4	96	
	TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
	-3	-0.23	4	75

HEAD COACH: CHRIS AULT RECORD AT SCHOOL: 206-96-1 (25 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 206-96-1 (25 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHRIS AULT DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: ANDY BUH





# NEW MEXICO STATE

## AGGIES

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**OFFENSE** New Mexico State struggled badly last season, finishing last in the NCAA in total offense (229.3 ypg), scoring offense (11.5 ppg) and first downs (12.6 per game). NMSU also ranked near the bottom of the country in passing offense and third down conversion percentage.

As a result, offensive coordinator Timm Rosenbach is gone, replaced by Mike Dunbar. The 61-year-old Dunbar has a long history as an assistant coach in the college game, most recently as offensive coordinator at Minnesota and prior to that at California.

Dunbar's biggest challenge will be getting the passing game on track. A handful of quarterbacks figure to be in the hunt for the starting job this fall, including incumbent Jeff Fleming (789 yards and four touchdowns), junior college transfer Matt Christian, redshirt freshman Tanner Rust and true freshman Andrew Manley. Whoever wins the quarterback job will work with last year's top receivers, Todd Lee and Marcus Allen. Lee led the team with the uninspiring totals of 28 catches for 280 yards and one touchdown.

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New Mexico State won three games in 2009 and won all three of those games by three points.

Running back Seth Smith was the team's top offensive weapon in 2009, rushing for 1,016 yards on 246 carries. He should have help this season from greyshirt freshman Marquese Dunn and speedster Kenny Turner, a 24-year-old recruit from Fullerton (Calif.) College.

The Aggies are looking for steady play up front. The line will be headlined by tackle Aundre McGaskey, who transferred from Blinn (Texas) College, and three-year starting center Mike Grady.

**DEFENSE** Judging by the numbers — No. 103 in the country in total defense — the Aggies struggled in this department in 2009. In reality, NMSU actually took steps forward last season, and the defense should be a bright spot heading into 2010.

The defensive leaders are All-WAC cornerback Davon House and ends Pierre Fils and Donte Savage. The team received a solid season from safety Alphonso Powell and hopes to get a boost from newcomers Darien Johnson and Josh Smith in the secondary.

The staff believes defensive tackle recruits David Mahoney and Tommy Stuart can shore up the interior of the line. That would be a plus after NMSU gave up 220.7 yards rushing per game.

The linebacker position saw four seniors depart. Boyblue Aoelua looks to step in at middle linebacker, while transfer Frank Padilla appears to be slotted in along the strong side.

**SPECIALISTS** Kyle Hughes was a one-man show last year, handling kickoffs, field goals and punting duties for the Aggies. The hope is that the work will be spread more evenly this year, with Hughes still punting and recruit Tyler Stampler taking over the placement duties. Allen and Lee returned kicks last season and could do so again.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** The Aggies got off to a promising 3-3 start last year before an 0-7 tumble to close out their season. Still, coach DeWayne Walker brought a fresh outlook and perspective in his first season in Las Cruces, and the belief is that with a fresh recruiting class and a year in his system, the team should continue to rebuild.

If the Aggies are to continue to move forward, the offense must make major strides under the guidance of Dunbar. But with a tougher schedule in 2010, NMSU might be improved but not see a bump in the win column.

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DAVON HOUSE

### THE QUOTE

"That is a tough place to recruit to and I think that staff knows that they have to find their niche in recruiting and in their identity overall. The bottom line is that they just have to get personnel."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	7 Todd Lee (Jr.)	Taveon Burke (Fr.)
WR	32 Marcus Allen (Sr.)	19 Darrius Preston (So.)
LT	75 Dwayne Barton (Sr.)	78 Matt Passwaters (Sr.)
LG	63 Mike Yocius (So.)	71 Maveu Heimuli (So.)
C	62 Mike Grady (Jr.)	58 DeJuan Yates (Jr.)
RG	72 Sioeli Fakalata (Sr.)	79 Jake Swenson (Fr.)
RT	66 Ruben Escarsega (Jr.)	Aundre McGaskey (Jr.)
TE	17 Kyle Nelson (Sr.)	89 Kyle Hipp (Sr.)
QB	9 Jeff Fleming (Jr.)	2 Matt Christian (Jr.)
FB	21 Ronald Opetaita (Jr.)	38 Brandon Perez (Sr.)
RB	20 Seth Smith (Sr.)	Kenny Turner (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	48 Pierre Fils (Jr.)	94 Kawika Shook (Sr.)
DT	94 Kawika Shook (Sr.)	David Mahoney (Jr.)
DT	54 John Finau (Sr.)	Tommy Stuart (Jr.)
DE	52 Donte Savage (Jr.)	90 David Niumatalolo (Jr.)
SLB	5 Frank Padilla (Sr.)	9 Kenny Evora (Sr.)
MLB	47 Boyblue Aoelua (Jr.)	96 Numi Lolohaea (So.)
WLB	36 B.J. Adolpho (So.)	22 David Quiroga (So.)
CB	4 Davon House (Sr.)	3 Donyae Coleman (Jr.)
CB	1 Jonte Green (Jr.)	Darien Johnson (Fr.)
SS	2 Alphonso Powell (Sr.)	30 Josh Smith (Fr.)
FS	25 Ben Bradley (Jr.)	8 Mike Zant (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	Tyler Stampler (Jr.)	KR	32 Marcus Allen (Sr.)
P	16 Kyle Hughes (Jr.)	PR	3 Donyae Coleman (Jr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jeff Fleming, 172-87-789-12, 4 TDs  
Rushing: Seth Smith, 246 car., 1,016 yds., 1 TD  
Receiving: Todd Lee, 28 rec., 280 yds., 1 TD  
Tackles: Stephon Hatchett, 98, 53 solo  
Sacks: Pierre Fils, 6

Interceptions: Davon House, 3 for 58 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 11	San Diego State
Sept. 18	at UTEP
Sept. 25	at Kansas
Oct. 02	Boise State
Oct. 09	New Mexico
Oct. 16	at Fresno State
Oct. 23	at Idaho
Oct. 30	San Jose State
Nov. 06	at Utah State
Nov. 13	Louisiana Tech
Nov. 20	at Nevada
Nov. 27	Hawaii

### 2009 RESULTS (3-10, 1-7)

Sept. 5	Idaho	L	6-21
Sept. 12	Prairie View A&M	W	21-18
Sept. 19	UTEP	L	12-38
Sept. 26	at New Mexico	W	20-17
Oct. 3	at San Diego State	L	17-34
Oct. 10	Utah State	W	20-17
Oct. 17	at Louisiana Tech	L	7-45
Oct. 24	Fresno State	L	3-34
Oct. 31	at Ohio State	L	0-45
Nov. 14	at Hawaii	L	6-24
Nov. 21	Nevada	L	20-63
Nov. 28	at San Jose State	L	10-13
Dec. 5	at Boise State	L	7-42

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	11.5 ppg	9	120
Rushing	141.5 ypg	7	66
Passing	87.8 ypg	9	118
Total	229.3 ypg	9	120
Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	31.6 ppg	6	101
Rushing	220.7 ypg	8	114
Passing	202.9 ypg	5	36
Total	423.6 ypg	6	103
TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
-10	-0.77	7	109

HEAD COACH: DEWAYNE WALKER RECORD AT SCHOOL: 3-10 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 3-11 (1 YEAR-PLUS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: MIKE DUNBAR DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DEWAYNE WALKER



**OFFENSE** First-year coach Mike MacIntyre's first order of business was to junk the team's spread passing attack and install a more physical and balanced offense featuring a fullback and/or H-back. The injury-plagued Spartans, who return eight offensive starters, averaged a pitiful 76.7 yards rushing and 2.6 yards per carry in 2009.

The incumbent quarterback is senior Jordan La Secla, who started eight games and completed 59.9 percent of his passes for 1,926 yards and 10 touchdowns. But he could be pushed by junior college transfer Matt Faulkner, who began his career at Fresno State and took part in spring drills.

Senior Lamon Muldrow returns at running back, where he will be pushed by Brandon Rutley, a dynamic athlete who also could see some time in the secondary as a nickelback. Four of the team's top receivers, including seniors Jalal Beauchman (86 career receptions) and spring game star Marquis Avery, also return.

A big key for the Spartans will be improvement on an offensive line that welcomes back three starters.

Thompson and Ronnie Yell.

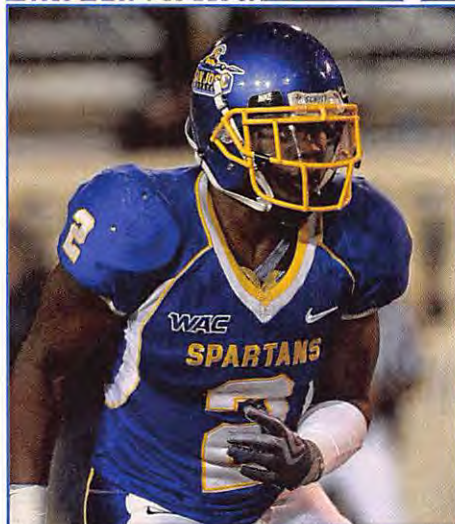
Senior Pompey Festejo anchors the linebacker corps, but the big question mark for the Spartans will be rebuilding a line that lost three starters. But that line struggled badly against the run a year ago, allowing a WAC-worst 35 rushing touchdowns.

**SPECIALISTS** Junior Tyler Cope, who converted 7-of-11 field goal tries and 16-of-18 PATs last season, is back. But the Spartans must replace punter Philip Zavala, who finished second in the WAC with a 42.2-yard average. Freshman Harrison Waid handled those duties in the spring. Rutley returns to help handle kickoff returns.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** MacIntyre, 45, takes over for Dick Tomey, who retired following a painful 2-10 campaign in 2009. It's the first head coaching job at any level for MacIntyre, who worked wonders as defensive coordinator at Duke and was named the 2009 American Football Coaches Association FBS Assistant Coach of the Year.

He takes over a Spartan football program that has at times teetered on financial extinction, has played in just two bowl games in the last two decades and has one of the nation's toughest schedules for 2010. It's a coaching situation that some might compare to the one his father, George MacIntyre, inherited at Vanderbilt before going on to earn National Coach of the Year honors in 1982.

This is a year of transition for the Spartans, who spent much of spring practice auditioning players at new positions in an effort to plug some of the team's numerous holes. It's possible a handful of players could see action on both sides of the ball. Combine that with a daunting 13-game schedule that starts with back-to-back road games at defending national champ Alabama and Big Ten heavyweight Wisconsin, and it will be a successful season if San Jose State can top last year's two-win plateau.



DUKE IHENACHO

### THE QUOTE

"Your average fan might not know a lot about Mike MacIntyre, but he is a well-respected guy in coaching circles. He is just a bit of an unknown on the West Coast and he's going to need to establish his reputation in the recruiting world out here right away."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

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San Jose State ranked 119th nationally in rush defense in 2009, allowing an average of 259.2 yards per game.

**DEFENSE** Veteran assistant coach Kent Baer, who has been a defensive coordinator at schools such as Notre Dame, Washington, Stanford and Arizona State in his career, will run the defense. The Spartans, who return their top three tacklers among six returning starters, will run a 4-3 base.

The secondary could be the strength of the defense. The unit is led by senior safety/linebacker Duke Ihenacho, a two-time first-team All-WAC selection. He is joined by junior safety Tanner Burns and corners Peyton

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	88 Jalal Beauchman (Sr.)	1 Josh Harrison (Jr.)
WR	9 Marquis Avery (Sr.)	23 James Orth (So.)
LT	65 Fred Koloto (Jr.)	76 David Quessenberry (So.)
LG	72 Isaac Leatiota (Sr.)	74 Ryan Jones (Fr.)
C	70 Robbie Reed (Sr.)	54 Reuben Hasani (So.)
RG	73 Ailao Eliapo (Sr.)	69 Jacob Orth (Jr.)
RT	78 Andres Vargas (Jr.)	61 Amar Pal (Fr.)
TE	82 Ryan Otten (So.)	85 Keenan Brown (So.)
QB	12 Jordan La Secla (Sr.)	7 Matt Faulkner (Jr.)
FB	44 Wade O'Neill (So.)	42 Ina Liaina (So.)
RB	22 Lamon Muldrow (Sr.)	15 Brandon Rutley (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	26 Mohamed Marah (Sr.)	Ahkeem McKinney (Jr.)
DT	92 Pablo Garcia (Jr.)	99 Anthony Larceval (Fr.)
DT	94 JaRodd Watson (Jr.)	97 Justin Willis (Sr.)
DE	43 Travis Johnson (So.)	50 Tracy Pugh (So.)
LB	40 Tiuke Tuipulotu (Jr.)	11 Rashad Gayden (Jr.)
LB	3 Pompey Festejo (Sr.)	48 Ryno Gonzalez (Sr.)
LB	13 Kyler O'Neal (So.)	56 Braden Storaasli (Sr.)
CB	25 Ronnie Yell (So.)	5 Alex Germany (Jr.)
CB	8 Brandon Driver (Jr.)	19 Peyton Thompson (Jr.)
S	2 Duke Ihenacho (Sr.)	16 Evan Taylor (So.)
S	17 Tanner Burns (Jr.)	33 Dominique Hunsucker (Sr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	34 Tyler Cope (Jr.)	KR 15 Brandon Rutley (Jr.)
P	10 Harrison Waid (Fr.)	PR 25 Ronnie Yell (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jordan La Secla, 304-182-1,926-11, 10 TDs  
Rushing: Lamon Muldrow, 131 car., 592 yds., 3 TDs  
Receiving: Marquis Avery, 42 rec., 465 yds., 6 TDs  
Tackles: Tanner Burns, 96, 55 solo  
Sacks: Pablo Garcia, 4  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Alabama
Sept. 11	at Wisconsin
Sept. 18	Southern Utah
Sept. 25	at Utah
Oct. 2	UC Davis
Oct. 9	at Nevada
Oct. 16	Boise State
Oct. 23	Fresno State
Oct. 30	at New Mexico State
Nov. 13	Utah State
Nov. 20	at Hawaii
Nov. 27	Louisiana Tech
Dec. 4	at Idaho

### 2009 RESULTS (2-10, 1-7)

Sept. 5	at USC	L	3-56
Sept. 12	Utah	L	14-24
Sept. 19	at Stanford	L	17-42
Sept. 26	Cal Poly	W	19-9
Oct. 10	Idaho	L	25-29
Oct. 17	at Fresno State	L	21-41
Oct. 31	at Boise State	L	7-45
Nov. 8	Nevada	L	7-62
Nov. 14	at Utah State	L	9-24
Nov. 21	Hawaii	L (ot)	10-17
Nov. 28	New Mexico State	W	13-10
Dec. 5	at Louisiana Tech	L	20-55

### 2009 RANKINGS

	Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	13.8 ppg	8	118	
Rushing	76.7 ypg	9	117	
Passing	207.3 ypg	5	73	
Total	284.0 ypg	8	115	
	Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	34.5 ppg	8	109	
Rushing	259.2 ypg	9	119	
Passing	183.8 ypg	2	22	
Total	442.9 ypg	8	109	
	TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
	-4	-0.33	5	83

HEAD COACH: MIKE MACINTYRE RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: FIRST SEASON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: TIM LANDIS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: KENT BAER



**OFFENSE** Learning a new offense a year ago went about as well as anyone could have expected. Using a spread attack, the Aggies set a school record for total offense in a season with 5,272 yards.

Entering the second year under coach Gary Andersen, Utah State spent the spring fine-tuning and developing some depth. With a number of athletes returning, the high-octane offense should be ready to try to top the 2009 season.

"We have been running the same plays now for more than a year," senior quarterback Diondre Borel says. "I feel like we can execute them a lot better without as many mistakes as last year."

Borel already holds three school records. He spent the spring getting used to some new receivers after three graduated. Top receiver Stanley Morrison is back.

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Quarterback Diondre Borel attempted 366 passes in 2009 and had only four interceptions — the fewest in a season in school history.

Running backs Michael Smith, Kerwynn Williams and Derrvin Speight, among others, shared the ball-carrying duties in the spring. Robert Turbin, who rushed for 1,296 yards and accounted for 18 touchdowns in 2009, tore his ACL during winter workouts and had surgery. The junior, who earned All-WAC second-team accolades last year, has said he will be ready to go when the season starts. The training staff isn't as optimistic, saying he will probably miss the first month of the season.

Three starters are back on the line along with two tight ends who saw significant time last year.

**DEFENSE** Andersen was clearly not pleased with his defense last season. The former Utah defensive coordinator spent the spring

experimenting with players in different positions. He also returned to his roots and worked with the line. "We have to get some pressure with a four-man rush," Andersen says.

Utah State will stick with the aggressive style that was installed in '09. With defensive ends Junior Keiaho, Devin Johnson and Jerome Barbour moved to linebacker, the Aggies are looking to be more physical and unleash even more blitzes. Seven starters are back from a year ago, including All-WAC linebacker Bobby Wagner. The junior led the league last season with 114 tackles. The Aggie secondary is crowded with experience. Andersen is expecting big things out of cornerback Chris Randle and safety Rajric Coleman.

"You have to be able to be effective on defense in this league," Andersen says. "There are great offenses. I didn't know that a year ago."

**SPECIALISTS** Senior Peter Caldwell will enter fall camp as the punter and kicker but should be pressed by freshman Nick Diaz, whom Andersen called a "slam dunk" on Signing Day. Williams and Morrison both shared return duties a year ago.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Recording more wins than in any of the previous six campaigns was a step in the right direction. However, it will take more than four victories this fall to keep the excitement for Aggie football growing.

There were four setbacks a year ago in which the Aggies had a chance late in the game. In order to reach the team goal and get bowl eligible, they must finish some of those close games. Six home games also should help.

Turbin's status is questionable, but the offense is loaded with athletes and should score plenty of points. The real question: How much has the defense improved?

The last time the Aggies finished above .500 was 1996. That streak could come to an end with a couple of road wins. Reaching six wins is not a stretch for this team.



DIONDRE BOREL

### THE QUOTE

"I like these guys a lot. They are this year's Idaho — a team that has real chance to surprise people and go to a bowl game."

— An opposing WAC assistant coach

### OFFENSE (4)

WR 24 Austin Alder (Jr.)	1 Xavier Martin (Jr.)
WR 17 Matt Austin (Jr.)	82 Eric Moats (Jr.)
WR 11 Stanley Morrison (Sr.)	5 Mikhail Morgan (So.)
LT 52 Spencer Johnson (Sr.)	67 Oscar Molina (So.)
LG 74 Tariq Polley (Sr.)	76 Funaki Asisi (Jr.)
C 75 Tyler Larsen (Fr.)	64 Jamie Markosian (Fr.)
RG 68 Philip Gapelu (Jr.)	66 Eric Schultz (Fr.)
RT 63 Tanner Richins (Jr.)	69 Ty Rogers (Sr.)
TE 88 Tarren Lloyd (Jr.)	81 Kellen Bartlett (Jr.)
QB 12 Diondre Borel (Sr.)	7 Jeff Fischer (Sr.)
TB 34 Michael Smith (Sr.)	21 Derrvin Speight (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE 37 Quinn Garner (Jr.)	40 Connor Williams (Fr.)
DT 60 Daniel Gurrola (Sr.)	92 Casey Davis (Sr.)
DT 50 Sean Enesi (Sr.)	54 Nathan Royster (Jr.)
DE 47 Levi Koskan (Jr.)	20 Maxim Dinka Mba (Sr.)
LB 40 Bobby Wagner (Jr.)	Tavaris McMillian (Fr.)
LB 43 Kyle Gallagher (Jr.)	55 Reuben Willis (Jr.)
LB 42 Junior Keiaho (Jr.)	45 Jerome Barbour (Sr.)
CB 27 Curtis Marsh (Sr.)	3 Quinton Byrd (So.)
CB 7 Chris Randle (Sr.)	Nevin Lawson (Fr.)
SS 4 Walter McClenton (Jr.)	31 Joey Schrader (Sr.)
FS 27 Rajric Coleman (Sr.)	10 Chris Harris (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K Nick Diaz (Fr.)	KR 25 Kerwynn Williams (So.)
P 8 Peter Caldwell (Sr.)	PR 34 Michael Smith (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Diondre Borel, 366-214-2,885-4, 17 TDs  
Rushing: Robert Turbin, 207 car., 1,296 yds., 13 TDs  
Receiving: Stanley Morrison, 33 rec., 616 yds., 3 TDs  
Tackles: Bobby Wagner, 114, 52 solo  
Sacks: Two players tied with 3  
Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Oklahoma
Sept. 11	Idaho State
Sept. 18	Fresno State
Sept. 25	at San Diego State
Oct. 1	BYU
Oct. 9	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 23	Hawaii
Oct. 30	at Nevada
Nov. 6	New Mexico State
Nov. 13	at San Jose State
Nov. 20	Idaho
Dec. 4	at Boise State

### 2009 RESULTS (4-8, 3-5)

Sept. 3	at Utah	L	17-35
Sept. 19	at Texas A&M	L	30-38
Sept. 26	Southern Utah	W	53-34
Oct. 2	at BYU	L	17-35
Oct. 10	at New Mexico State	L	17-20
Oct. 17	Nevada	L	32-35
Oct. 24	Louisiana Tech	W	23-21
Oct. 31	at Fresno State	L	27-31
Nov. 7	at Hawaii	L	36-49
Nov. 14	San Jose State	W	24-9
Nov. 20	Boise State	L	21-52
Nov. 28	at Idaho	W	52-49

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	29.1 ppg	6	47
Rushing	192.6 ypg	3	20
Passing	246.8 ypg	4	36
Total	439.3 ypg	4	12
Defense	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
Scoring	34.0 ppg	7	107
Rushing	205.5 ypg	6	110
Passing	249.6 ypg	7	101
Total	455.1 ypg	9	113
TO Margin	Per Game	WAC	Nat'l
+6	+0.50	3	24

HEAD COACH: GARY ANDERSEN RECORD AT SCHOOL: 4-8 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 8-15 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: DAVE BALDWIN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BILL BUSCH



**OFFENSE** Quarterback Trent Steelman was thrown into the fire as a freshman last season and quickly adapted to coach Rich Ellerson's option scheme while displaying leadership beyond his level of experience. There is no reason to believe that Steelman, who rushed for a team-high 706 yards, won't be even better as a sophomore as he becomes more familiar with the offense.

Seniors Patrick Mealy (673 yards) and Jameson Carter (238 yards) are the most experienced returning slot backs. They could be joined in the triple option by sophomore fullback Jared Hassin, a transfer from Air Force.

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Army made tremendous strides under first-year coach Rich Ellerson, but the offense still struggled, ranking 117th in the nation in yards per game (275.3).

Make no mistake — this is an option offense. But Ellerson knows that in order to be effective, a change of pace is needed. That's why Army fans might soon become very familiar with Davyd Brooks, a junior receiver from nearby Newburgh, N.Y., who dazzled in the spring. Junior Austin Barr, who excels at blocking, and sophomore Kyler Martin, a former linebacker, could also be called upon. Sophomore Malcolm Brown can stretch the field.

The Black Knights welcome back an experienced offensive line that has built some depth in the past year. Center Zach Peterson and right guard Seth Reed are both seniors who started every game last season.

**DEFENSE** Army lost one mainstay from its defensive line — end Victor Ugenyi graduated with 31 career starts on his résumé — but the Black Knights welcome back Josh McNary, who set an Army single-season record with 12.5 sacks from the other end position.

Defensive tackle Mike Gann, a returning starter, was fantastic during the spring and should team with McNary to give the Black Knights a force inside and out on the line.

The linebacking corps appears to be in good shape with last year's starters back for another tour of duty. The one question mark is Stephen Anderson, who missed the final three games of the 2009 season and all of spring practice with a torn ACL and MCL in his left knee. Assuming Anderson is back, Army will have its top three tacklers from last season at linebacker — Andrew Rodriguez (85 tackles), Anderson (83) and Steve Erzinger (71).

Senior Donovan Travis is the star of the secondary. The hard-hitting safety led the team with four interceptions last season and anchors a unit that also features fellow veterans Donnie Dixon (safety) and Antuan Aaron (corner) in the starting lineup. A big boost could come from senior corner Richard King, who missed all of last season with a concussion.

**SPECIALISTS** Placekicker Alex Carlton was solid as a sophomore — he hit 6-of-8 from 40 yards and out — but struggled during the spring. Hence, Ellerson will not hesitate to turn to senior Matt Campbell, who is 8-of-12 in his career at Army. Senior Jonathan Bulls returns to handle the punting chores. The return game could use a shot in the arm. The Cadets averaged only 19.3 yards per kick return (104th nationally) and 5.4 yards (105th) on punts.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Ellerson came from Cal-Poly armed with the triple option and a reputation as a program builder. He used both to his advantage last fall, leading the Black Knights to five wins — the most at the school since 1996 — and creating a new attitude in the program. Now, after another spring practice with his team, Ellerson believes Army is poised to take that next step — playing in a bowl game.



PATRICK MEALY

### THE QUOTE

"Nothing that we're doing this year is strange. Players are not uncomfortable or fragile this time around."

— Army coach Rich Ellerson

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	13 Davyd Brooks (Jr.)	9 Malcolm Brown (So.)
WR	87 Austin Barr (Jr.)	80 Kyler Martin (So.)
LT	73 Anees Merzi (Sr.)	78 Brad Kelly (Jr.)
LG	69 Frank Allen (So.)	72 Mikel Weich (Sr.)
C	57 Zach Peterson (Sr.)	64 Thomas Hagan (Sr.)
RG	54 Seth Reed (Sr.)	56 Joe Bailey (Jr.)
RT	68 Mike McDermott (Jr.)	67 Jason Johnson (Sr.)
QB	8 Trent Steelman (So.)	10 Chip Bowden (Sr.)
FB	34 Jared Hassin (So.)	36 CeDarius Williams (Jr.)
SB	15 Jameson Carter (Sr.)	21 Lonnie Liggins (So.)
SB	5 Patrick Mealy (Sr.)	32 Brian Cobbs (So.)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	44 Josh McNary (Sr.)	72 Jarrett Mackey (So.)
DT	62 Chris Swain (Jr.)	65 A.J. Mackey (So.)
DT	93 Mike Gann (Sr.)	69 Broghan Carnes (Jr.)
DE	96 Marcus Hilton (Sr.)	91 Carson Homme (Sr.)
LB	42 Andrew Rodriguez (Jr.)	47 Bill Prosko (Jr.)
LB	50 Stephen Anderson (Sr.)	27 Kingsley Ehie (Sr.)
LB	9 Steven Erzinger (Jr.)	22 Sean Westphal (Sr.)
CB	20 Jordan Trimble (Sr.)	14 Joshua Jackson (So.)
CB	3 Antuan Aaron (Jr.)	8 Richard King (Sr.)
S	6 Donovan Travis (Sr.)	31 L.B. Brown (Sr.)
S	15 Donnie Dixon (Sr.)	17 Marquis Morris (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	39 Alex Carlton (Jr.)	KR	5 Patrick Mealy (Sr.)
P	18 Jonathan Bulls (Sr.)	PR	17 Marquis Morris (So.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Trent Steelman, 110-54-637-2, 3 TDs  
 Rushing: Trent Steelman, 202 car., 706 yds., 5 TDs  
 Receiving: Jameson Carter, 4 rec., 46 yds., 0 TD  
 Tackles: Andrew Rodriguez, 85, 40 solo  
 Sacks: Josh McNary, 12.5  
 Interceptions: Donovan Travis, 4 for 109 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Eastern Michigan
Sept. 11	Hawaii
Sept. 18	North Texas
Sept. 25	at Duke
Oct. 2	Temple
Oct. 9	at Tulane
Oct. 16	#Rutgers
Oct. 30	VMI
Nov. 6	Air Force
Nov. 13	at Kent State
Nov. 20	%Notre Dame
Dec. 11	\$Navy
	#East Rutherford, NJ
	%Bronx, NY
	\$Philadelphia, PA

### 2009 RESULTS (5-7)

Sept. 5	at Eastern Michigan	W	27-14
Sept. 12	Duke	L	19-35
Sept. 19	Ball State	W	24-17
Sept. 26	at Iowa State	L	10-31
Oct. 3	Tulane	L	16-17
Oct. 10	Vanderbilt	W (ot)	16-13
Oct. 17	at Temple	L	13-27
Oct. 23	Rutgers	L	10-27
Nov. 7	at Air Force	L	7-35
Nov. 14	VMI	W	22-17
Nov. 21	at North Texas	W	17-13
Dec. 12	#Navy	L	3-17
	#Philadelphia		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	15.3 ppg	117
Rushing	203.6 ypg	16
Passing	71.8 ypg	120
Total	275.3 ypg	117
Defense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	21.9 ppg	35
Rushing	151.8 ypg	70
Passing	152.8 ypg	3
Total	304.7 ypg	16
TO Margin	Per Game	Nat'l
+5	+0.42	29

HEAD COACH: RICH ELLERSON RECORD AT SCHOOL: 5-7 (1 YEAR) CAREER RECORD: 65-48 (10 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: IAN SHIELDS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: PAYAM SAADAT, CHRIS SMELAND





**OFFENSE** Navy returns seven starters on offense, including its top three playmakers, from a unit that averaged 28 points and 356 yards per game in 2009. Opponents have always struggled to stop the Mids' triple-option offense, and that task will get even harder now that coach Ken Niumatalolo has decided to implement a no-huddle scheme.

Niumatalolo and offensive coordinator Ivin Jasper came up with the idea after watching quarterback Ricky Dobbs struggle to make checks at the line of scrimmage all season. Going no-huddle puts that responsibility on Jasper, who surveys the defense from the press box, then relays the checks to the sideline.

Dobbs enjoyed a tremendous junior campaign, rushing for 1,203 yards and passing for another 1,031 yards. The 6'1", 198-pounder is an extremely powerful runner, evidenced by the fact that he set an NCAA single-season record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 27. Most observers believe Dobbs is poised for a monstrous senior season and is a potential Heisman Trophy candidate.

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Navy is seeking its eighth straight winning season, its eighth straight bowl berth and its eighth straight Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

Navy also returns fullback Vince Murray and slotback Marcus Curry, top performers at the other skill positions in the triple-option. Murray rushed for 971 yards and six touchdowns despite not starting until the sixth game of the season. Curry accounted for 872 yards from scrimmage (585 rushing, 287 receiving) and eight touchdowns.

Jeff Battapaglia and Matt Molloy, third-year starters whom Niumatalolo has called the best tackle tandem of the triple-option era, will anchor a line that should be solid.

**DEFENSE** Navy graduated six starters from a defense that statistically rated as its best in more than a decade. The Midshipmen ranked 18th nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 19.4 points per game.

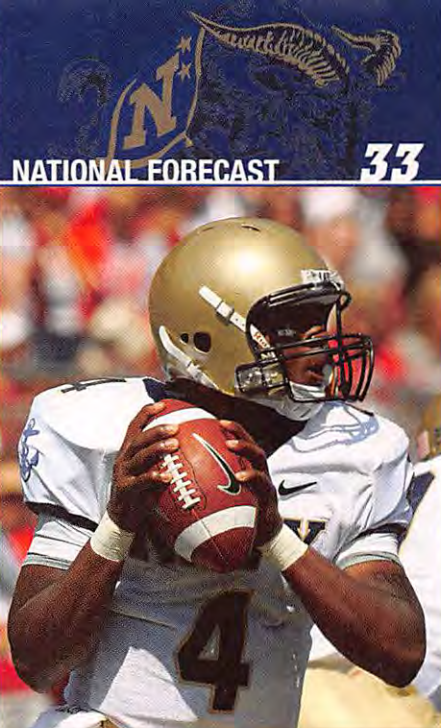
Linebacker is the greatest area of concern for the Midshipmen, whose 3-4 alignment requires those players to make plenty of tackles. All four starters and a key backup have graduated, including 2008 and 2009 leading tackler Ross Pospisil. Tyler Simmons served as backup at both inside linebacker spots last season and was the team's third-leading tackler (68). Simmons, the biggest backer in recent program history, combines superb speed and agility with great toughness and a nasty streak.

Navy returns two other big-time performers on defense — left end Jabaree Tuani and safety Wyatt Middleton. Tuani is a force up front, using his combination of speed and power to record 14.5 tackles for a loss the past two seasons. Middleton is all over the field and has accumulated 236 career tackles.

**SPECIALISTS** This is an area of strength for Navy. Placekicker Joe Buckley went 44-of-44 on extra points and 10-of-13 on field goals in 2009, while punter Kyle Delahooke boasts a career average of 42.4 yards that ranks second in program history.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Athletic director Chet Gladchuk has already signed a contract for Navy to appear in the Poinsettia Bowl this year, and all the pieces are in place to ensure a late December trip to San Diego. Only four of 12 opponents on the schedule posted winning records in 2009, and the presence of the multi-talented Dobbs almost guarantees that the triple option will roll up yardage and points.

A key game comes in early October in Colorado Springs against service academy rival Air Force, which will be seeking to snap a seven-game losing streak to Navy and reclaim the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.



RICKY DOBBS

### THE QUOTE

"We're going to have 11 guys running to the football. We're like 11 hyenas — we're going to take down an elephant sooner or later, and we're going to get on you."

— Coach Ken Niumatalolo, after Navy's 35-13 win over Missouri in the Texas Bowl

### OFFENSE (7)

WR 84 Greg Jones (Sr.)	86 Brandon Turner (So.)
WR 80 Mike Schupp (Sr.)	82 Doug Furman (Jr.)
LT 61 Jeff Battapaglia (Sr.)	68 John Dowd (Jr.)
LG 75 Brady DeMell (Jr.)	69 Fran Archibald (Sr.)
C 71 Eric Douglass (Jr.)	55 Matt Couch (So.)
RG 63 David Hong (Jr.)	65 Josh Cabral (So.)
RT 70 Matt Molloy (Sr.)	66 Warren Fischer (Jr.)
QB 4 Ricky Dobbs (Sr.)	2 Kriss Proctor (Jr.)
FB 47 Vince Murray (Sr.)	39 Alexander Teich (Jr.)
SB 28 Marcus Curry (Jr.)	17 Mike Stukel (Jr.)
SB 21 Gee Gee Greene (So.)	26 Aaron Santiago (Jr.)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE 98 Jabaree Tuani (Jr.)	59 Josh Dowling-Fitzpatrick (So.)
NG 93 Chase Burge (Sr.)	95 Shane Bothel (Sr.)
RE 90 Billy Yarbrough (Sr.)	73 Josh Jones (So.)
LB 29 Aaron McCauley (Jr.)	43 Andrew Sharp (Jr.)
LB 54 Tyler Simmons (Sr.)	44 Max Blue (Jr.)
LB 31 Jerry Hauburger (Sr.)	49 Collin Sturdivant (So.)
LB 57 Caleb King (Jr.)	46 Jake Juriga (So.)
CB 11 Kwesi Mitchell (Jr.)	20 Corey James (Jr.)
CB 15 Kevin Edwards (Sr.)	18 David Wright (Jr.)
SS 8 Wyatt Middleton (Sr.)	9 Tra'ves Bush (So.)
FS 7 Emmett Merchant (Sr.)	5 Brian Blick (Jr.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K 16 Joe Buckley (Sr.)	KR 23 Bo Snelson (So.)
P 35 Kyle Delahooke (Sr.)	PR 24 Mario Washington (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Ricky Dobbs, 105-56-1,031-3, 6 TDs  
 Rushing: Ricky Dobbs, 315 car., 1,203 yds., 27 TDs  
 Receiving: Marcus Curry, 10 rec., 287 yds., 3 TDs  
 Tackles: Tyler Simmons, 68, 29 solo  
 Sacks: Jabaree Tuani, 3.5  
 Interceptions: Wyatt Middleton, 4 for 69 yds.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	#Maryland
Sept. 11	Georgia Southern
Sept. 18	at Louisiana Tech
Oct. 2	at Air Force
Oct. 9	at Wake Forest
Oct. 16	SMU
Oct. 23	%Notre Dame
Oct. 30	Duke
Nov. 6	at East Carolina
Nov. 13	Central Michigan
Nov. 20	Arkansas State
Dec. 11	\$Army
	#Baltimore, MD
	%East Rutherford, NJ
	\$Philadelphia, PA

### 2009 RESULTS (10-4)

Sept. 5	at Ohio State	L	27-31
Sept. 12	Louisiana Tech	W	32-14
Sept. 19	at Pittsburgh	L	14-27
Sept. 26	Western Kentucky	W	38-22
Oct. 3	Air Force	W (ot)	16-13
Oct. 10	at Rice	W	63-14
Oct. 17	at SMU	W (ot)	38-35
Oct. 24	Wake Forest	W	13-10
Oct. 31	Temple	L	24-27
Nov. 7	at Notre Dame	W	23-21
Nov. 14	Delaware	W	35-18
Nov. 28	at Hawaii	L	17-24
Dec. 12	vs. Army (Philadelphia)	W	17-3
Dec. 31	#Missouri	W	35-13
	#Texas Bowl		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	28.0 ppg	57
Rushing	280.5 ypg	4
Passing	75.6 ypg	119
Total	356.1 ypg	77
Defense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	19.4 ppg	18
Rushing	122.2 ypg	31
Passing	213.1 ypg	50
Total	335.2 ypg	34
TO Margin	Per Game	Nat'l
+9	+0.64	15

HEAD COACH: KEN NIUMATALOLO RECORD AT SCHOOL: 18-10 (2 YEARS) CAREER RECORD: 18-10 (2 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: IVIN JASPER DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BUDDY GREEN





**OFFENSE** From a scheme standpoint, the Irish are starting from scratch, and without quarterback Jimmy Clausen. The offense is in the midst of a significant transition from a pro-style attack to a spread offense. Yet Brian Kelly, who produced the No. 4 scoring offense in the country a year ago at Cincinnati, has more than a few components to piece together a respectable attack.

It starts with wide receiver Michael Floyd, tight end Kyle Rudolph and running back Armando Allen, who all had productive '09 seasons while battling through an assortment of injuries. Allen began to show the flash he boasted coming out of high school in Florida. For the second straight season, Floyd was hampered by a significant injury, this time a shoulder separation that kept him out of five games. He still managed 44 receptions, a team-leading 18.1 yards per catch and nine touchdowns in six-and-a-half games.

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The Irish have lost 21 games the last three seasons, which is three more than the previous worst three-year stretch of 18 from 1959-61.

Rudolph is a budding first-round draft choice who can stretch defenses at 6'6", 265 pounds, but can also aid the running game with his blocking prowess.

Veterans Sam Young and Paul Duncan are gone at offensive tackle, but junior Trevor Robinson is on the verge of stardom at either at right tackle or right guard.

**DEFENSE** Defensive coordinator Bob Diaco's first order of business was shifting from a four-man front to a 3-4 alignment, a better fit for the personnel. The end result in the spring was a much more cohesive, instinctive unit that got the best of the offense throughout.

Defensive end Ethan Johnson headlines a

veteran three-man front, which also includes nose tackle Ian Williams and defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore. Manti Te'o is back at inside linebacker after a notable rookie season, and the Irish are deep and talented at outside linebacker with Darius Fleming, Brian Smith, Steve Filer and Kerry Neal expected to make an impact.

Two-time leading tackler Kyle McCarthy is gone at safety. But a trio of veteran cornerbacks (Darrin Walls, Gary Gray and Robert Blanton) and a deep set of safeties, led by Harrison Smith, point to a dramatically improved defense.

**SPECIALISTS** For a kicking unit that was 19-of-22 on field goals last year, the position still has an unsettled feel to it. Sophomore Nick Tausch made 14 field goals in a row at one point last year but succumbed to a leg injury in November. Walk-on David Ruffer made all five of his field goal attempts, but Brandon Walker is in the mix after missing last season with a back injury. Sophomore Ben Turk has the punting job to himself after sharing it with Eric Maust in '09. Turk was inconsistent with a 38.2-yard average.

**FINAL ANALYSIS** Kelly is known for his offense, but offense was not Notre Dame's problem in '09 when the Irish ranked eighth nationally in yards per game. Kelly's greatest challenge is reviving a defense that was a sieve, particularly on the ground (4.8 yards per carry). Kelly started the ball rolling by implementing his customarily rigorous offseason strength and conditioning program, and it seems to have had a positive impact.

Notre Dame's greatest asset is its head coach and his penchant for succeeding with reclamation projects. He has a major reconstruction on his hands, although he is far from devoid of talent. Eight or nine victories, which is what the Irish should have had each of the past two seasons, is realistic.



MICHAEL FLOYD

### THE QUOTE

"I think Brian Kelly for a third straight job has inherited a program with a good talent base at a high point. I think he is coming into a time at Notre Dame where Charlie Weis and his staff in the last few years were able to target and recruit exceptionally well."

— An opposing assistant coach

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	3 Michael Floyd (Jr.)	11 Shaquell Evans (So.)
WR	7 Taler Jones (Fr.)	32 Theo Riddick (So.)
WR	18 Duval Kamara (Sr.)	81 John Goodman (So.)
LT	70 Zack Martin (Fr.)	77 Matt Romine (Sr.)
LG	59 Chris Stewart (Sr.)	76 Andrew Nuss (Sr.)
C	52 Braxton Cave (So.)	51 Dan Wenger (Sr.)
RG	78 Trevor Robinson (Jr.)	66 Chris Watt (Fr.)
RT	75 Taylor Dever (Sr.)	73 Lane Clelland (So.)
TE	9 Kyle Rudolph (Jr.)	83 Mike Ragone (Sr.)
QB	10 Dayne Crist (So.)	8 Andrew Hendrix (Fr.)
HB	5 Armando Allen (Sr.)	33 Robert Hughes (Sr.)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	90 Ethan Johnson (Jr.)	92 Tyler Stockton (Fr.)
NT	95 Ian Williams (Sr.)	98 Sean Cwynar (Jr.)
DE	89 Kapron Lewis-Moore (So.)	91 Emeka Nwankwo (Sr.)
OLB	45 Darius Fleming (Jr.)	56 Kerry Neal (Sr.)
ILB	5 Manti Te'o (So.)	36 David Posluszny (So.)
ILB	54 Anthony McDonald (Jr.)	44 Carlo Calabrese (Fr.)
OLB	58 Brian Smith (Sr.)	46 Steve Filer (Jr.)
CB	2 Darrin Walls (Sr.)	27 E.J. Banks (Fr.)
CB	4 Gary Gray (Sr.)	12 Robert Blanton (Jr.)
SS	26 Jamoris Slaughter (So.)	17 Zeke Motta (So.)
FS	22 Harrison Smith (Sr.)	15 Dan McCarthy (So.)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K	40 Nick Tausch (So.)	KR	32 Theo Riddick (So.)
P	35 Ben Turk (So.)	PR	5 Armando Allen (Sr.)

### RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Dayne Crist, 20-10-130-1, 1 TD  
 Rushing: Armando Allen, 142 car., 697 yds., 3 TDs  
 Receiving: Michael Floyd, 44 rec., 795 yds., 9 TDs  
 Tackles: Brian Smith, 71, 37 solo  
 Sacks: Ethan Johnson, 4  
 Interceptions: Two players tied with 2

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Purdue
Sept. 11	Michigan
Sept. 18	at Michigan State
Sept. 25	Stanford
Oct. 2	at Boston College
Oct. 9	Pittsburgh
Oct. 16	Western Michigan
Oct. 23	#Navy
Oct. 30	Tulsa
Nov. 13	Utah
Nov. 20	%Army
Nov. 27	at USC
	#East Rutherford, NJ
	%Bronx, NY

### 2009 RESULTS (6-6)

Sept. 5	Nevada	W	35-0
Sept. 12	at Michigan	L	34-38
Sept. 19	Michigan State	W	33-30
Sept. 26	at Purdue	W	24-21
Oct. 3	Washington	W (ot)	37-30
Oct. 17	USC	L	27-34
Oct. 24	Boston College	W	20-16
Oct. 31	#Washington State	W	40-14
Nov. 7	Navy	L	21-23
Nov. 14	at Pittsburgh	L	22-27
Nov. 21	Connecticut	L (2ot)	30-33
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L	38-45
	#San Antonio		

### 2009 RANKINGS

Offense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	30.1 ppg	32
Rushing	128.3 ypg	84
Passing	323.5 ypg	5
Total	451.8 ypg	8
Defense	Per Game	Nat'l
Scoring	25.9 ppg	63
Rushing	170.3 ypg	89
Passing	227.5 ypg	76
Total	397.8 ypg	86
TO Margin	Per Game	Nat'l
+5	+0.42	29

HEAD COACH: BRIAN KELLY RECORD AT SCHOOL: FIRST SEASON CAREER RECORD: 171-57-2 (19 YEARS)

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: CHARLEY MOLNAR DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: BOB DIACO



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# 2010 FBS COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

**ACC****BOSTON COLLEGE (8-5, 5-3)**

*Chestnut Hill, MA*  
S. 4 Weber State  
S. 11 Kent State  
S. 25 Virginia Tech  
O. 2 Notre Dame  
O. 9 at NC State  
O. 16 at Florida State  
O. 23 Maryland  
O. 30 Clemson  
N. 6 at Wake Forest  
N. 13 at Duke  
N. 20 Virginia  
N. 27 at Syracuse

**CLEMSON (9-5, 6-2)**

*Clemson, SC*  
S. 4 North Texas  
S. 11 Presbyterian  
S. 18 at Auburn  
O. 2 Miami  
O. 9 at North Carolina  
O. 16 Maryland  
O. 23 Georgia Tech  
O. 30 at Boston College  
N. 6 NC State  
N. 13 at Florida State  
N. 20 at Wake Forest  
N. 27 South Carolina

**DUKE (5-7, 3-5)**

*Durham, NC*  
S. 4 Elon  
S. 11 at Wake Forest  
S. 18 Alabama  
S. 25 Army  
O. 2 at Maryland  
O. 16 Miami  
O. 23 at Virginia Tech  
O. 30 at Navy  
N. 6 Virginia  
N. 13 Boston College  
N. 20 at Georgia Tech  
N. 27 North Carolina

**FLORIDA STATE (7-6, 4-4)**

*Tallahassee, FL*  
S. 4 Samford  
S. 11 at Oklahoma  
S. 18 BYU  
S. 25 Wake Forest  
O. 2 at Virginia  
O. 9 at Miami  
O. 16 Boston College  
O. 28 at NC State  
N. 6 North Carolina  
N. 13 Clemson  
N. 20 at Maryland  
N. 27 Florida

**GEORGIA TECH (11-3, 7-1)**

*Atlanta, GA*  
S. 4 SC State  
S. 11 at Kansas  
S. 18 at North Carolina  
S. 25 NC State  
O. 2 at Wake Forest  
O. 9 Virginia  
O. 16 Middle Tennessee  
O. 23 at Clemson  
N. 4 at Virginia Tech  
N. 13 Miami  
N. 20 Duke  
N. 27 at Georgia

**MARYLAND (2-10, 1-7)**

*College Park, MD*  
S. 6 #Navy  
S. 11 Morgan State  
S. 18 at West Virginia  
S. 25 Florida International  
O. 2 Duke  
O. 16 at Clemson  
O. 23 at Boston College  
O. 30 Wake Forest  
N. 6 at Miami  
N. 13 at Virginia  
N. 20 Florida State  
N. 27 NC State  
#Baltimore, MD

**MIAMI (9-4, 5-3)**

*Coral Gables, FL*  
S. 2 Florida A&M  
S. 11 at Ohio State  
S. 23 at Pittsburgh  
O. 2 at Clemson  
O. 9 Florida State  
O. 16 at Duke  
O. 23 North Carolina  
O. 30 at Virginia  
N. 6 Maryland  
N. 13 at Georgia Tech  
N. 20 Virginia Tech  
N. 27 South Florida

**NORTH CAROLINA (8-5, 4-4)**

*Chapel Hill, NC*  
S. 4 #LSU  
S. 18 Georgia Tech  
S. 25 at Rutgers  
O. 2 East Carolina  
O. 9 Clemson  
O. 16 at Virginia  
O. 23 at Miami  
O. 30 William & Mary  
N. 6 at Florida State  
N. 13 Virginia Tech  
N. 20 NC State  
N. 27 at Duke  
#Atlanta, GA

**NC STATE (5-7, 2-6)**

*Raleigh, NC*  
S. 4 Western Carolina  
S. 11 at UCF  
S. 16 Cincinnati  
S. 25 at Georgia Tech  
O. 2 Army  
O. 2 Virginia Tech  
O. 9 Boston College  
O. 16 at East Carolina  
O. 28 Florida State  
N. 6 at Clemson  
N. 13 Wake Forest  
N. 20 at North Carolina  
N. 27 at Maryland

**VIRGINIA (3-9, 2-6)**

*Charlottesville, VA*  
S. 4 Richmond  
S. 11 at USC  
S. 25 VMI  
O. 2 Florida State  
O. 9 at Georgia Tech  
O. 16 North Carolina  
O. 23 Eastern Michigan  
O. 30 Miami  
N. 6 at Duke  
N. 13 Maryland  
N. 20 at Boston College  
N. 27 at Virginia Tech

**VIRGINIA TECH (10-3, 6-2)**

*Blacksburg, VA*  
S. 6 #Boise State  
S. 11 James Madison  
S. 18 East Carolina  
S. 25 at Boston College  
O. 2 at NC State  
O. 9 Central Michigan  
O. 16 Wake Forest  
O. 23 Duke  
N. 4 Georgia Tech  
N. 13 at North Carolina  
N. 20 at Miami  
N. 27 Virginia  
#Landon, MD

**WAKE FOREST (5-7, 3-5)**

*Winston-Salem, NC*  
S. 2 Presbyterian  
S. 11 Duke  
S. 18 at Stanford  
S. 25 at Florida State  
O. 2 Georgia Tech  
O. 9 Navy  
O. 16 at Virginia Tech  
O. 30 at Maryland  
N. 6 Boston College  
N. 13 at NC State  
N. 20 Clemson  
N. 27 at Vanderbilt

**BIG EAST****CINCINNATI (12-1, 7-0)**

*Cincinnati, OH*  
S. 4 at Fresno State  
S. 11 Indiana State  
S. 16 at NC State  
S. 25 Oklahoma  
O. 9 Miami (OH)  
O. 15 at Louisville  
O. 22 South Florida  
O. 30 Syracuse  
N. 13 at West Virginia  
N. 20 Rutgers  
N. 27 at Connecticut  
D. 4 Pittsburgh

**CONNECTICUT (8-5, 3-4)**

*Storrs, CT*  
S. 4 at Michigan  
S. 11 Texas Southern  
S. 18 at Temple  
S. 25 Buffalo  
O. 2 Vanderbilt  
O. 8 at Rutgers  
O. 23 at Louisville  
O. 29 West Virginia  
N. 11 Pittsburgh  
N. 20 at Syracuse  
N. 27 Cincinnati  
D. 4 at South Florida

**LOUISVILLE (4-8, 1-6)**

*Louisville, KY*  
S. 4 Kentucky  
S. 11 Eastern Kentucky  
S. 18 at Oregon State  
O. 2 at Arkansas State  
O. 9 Memphis  
O. 15 Cincinnati  
O. 23 Connecticut  
O. 30 at Pittsburgh  
N. 6 at Syracuse  
N. 13 South Florida  
N. 20 West Virginia  
N. 26 at Rutgers

**PITTSBURGH (10-3, 5-2)**

*Pittsburgh, PA*  
S. 2 at Utah  
S. 11 New Hampshire  
S. 23 Miami  
O. 2 Florida International  
O. 9 at Notre Dame  
O. 16 at Syracuse  
O. 23 Rutgers  
O. 30 Louisville  
N. 11 at Connecticut  
N. 13 at South Florida  
N. 26 West Virginia  
D. 4 at Cincinnati

**RUTGERS (9-4, 3-4)**

*Piscataway, NJ*  
S. 2 Norfolk State  
S. 11 at FIU  
S. 25 North Carolina  
O. 2 Tulane  
O. 8 Connecticut  
O. 16 #Army  
O. 23 at Pittsburgh  
N. 3 at South Florida  
N. 13 Syracuse  
N. 20 at Cincinnati  
N. 26 Louisville  
D. 4 at West Virginia  
#East Rutherford, NJ

**SOUTH FLORIDA (8-5, 3-4)**

*Tampa, FL*  
S. 4 Stony Brook  
S. 11 at Florida  
S. 25 Western Kentucky  
O. 2 Florida Atlantic  
O. 9 Syracuse  
O. 14 at West Virginia  
O. 22 at Cincinnati  
N. 3 Rutgers  
N. 13 at Louisville  
N. 20 Pittsburgh  
N. 27 at Miami  
D. 4 Connecticut

**SYRACUSE (4-8, 1-6)**

*Syracuse, NY*  
S. 4 at Akron  
S. 11 at Washington  
S. 18 Maine  
O. 2 TBA  
O. 9 at South Florida  
O. 16 Pittsburgh  
O. 23 at West Virginia  
O. 30 at Cincinnati  
N. 6 Louisville  
N. 13 at Rutgers  
N. 20 Connecticut  
N. 27 Boston College

**WEST VIRGINIA (9-4, 5-2)**

*Morgantown, WV*  
S. 4 Coastal Carolina  
S. 10 at Marshall  
S. 18 Maryland  
S. 25 at LSU  
O. 9 UNLV  
O. 14 South Florida  
O. 23 Syracuse  
O. 29 at Connecticut  
N. 13 Cincinnati  
N. 20 at Louisville  
N. 26 at Pittsburgh  
D. 4 Rutgers

**BIG TEN****ILLINOIS (3-9, 2-6)**

*Champaign, IL*  
S. 4 #Missouri  
S. 11 Southern Illinois  
S. 18 Northern Illinois  
O. 2 Ohio State  
O. 9 at Penn State  
O. 16 at Michigan State  
O. 23 Indiana  
O. 30 Purdue  
N. 6 at Michigan  
N. 13 Minnesota  
N. 20 at Northwestern  
D. 3 at Fresno State  
#St. Louis, MO

**INDIANA (4-8, 1-7)**

*Bloomington, IN*  
S. 2 Towson  
S. 18 at Western Kentucky  
S. 25 Miami  
O. 2 Michigan  
O. 9 at Ohio State  
O. 16 Arkansas State  
O. 23 at Illinois  
O. 30 Northwestern  
N. 6 Iowa  
N. 13 at Wisconsin  
N. 20 #Penn State  
N. 27 at Purdue  
#Landon, MD

**IOWA (11-2, 6-2)**

*Io City, IA*  
S. 4 Eastern Illinois  
S. 11 Iowa State  
S. 18 at Arizona  
S. 25 Ball State  
O. 2 Penn State  
O. 16 at Michigan  
O. 23 Wisconsin  
O. 30 Michigan State  
N. 6 at Indiana  
N. 13 at Northwestern  
N. 20 Ohio State  
N. 27 at Minnesota

**MICHIGAN (5-7, 1-7)**

*Ann Arbor, MI*  
S. 4 Connecticut  
S. 11 at Notre Dame  
S. 18 Massachusetts  
S. 25 Bowling Green  
O. 2 at Indiana  
O. 9 Michigan State  
O. 16 Iowa  
O. 30 at Penn State  
N. 6 Illinois  
N. 13 at Purdue  
N. 20 Wisconsin  
N. 27 at Ohio State

**MICHIGAN STATE (6-7, 4-4)**

*East Lansing, MI*  
S. 4 Western Michigan  
S. 11 #Florida Atlantic  
S. 18 Notre Dame  
S. 25 Northern Colorado  
O. 2 Wisconsin  
O. 9 at Michigan  
O. 16 Illinois  
O. 23 at Northwestern  
O. 30 at Iowa  
N. 6 Minnesota  
N. 20 Purdue  
N. 27 at Penn State  
#Detroit, MI

**MINNESOTA (6-7, 3-5)**

*Minneapolis, MN*  
S. 2 at Middle Tennessee  
S. 11 South Dakota  
S. 18 USC  
S. 25 Northern Illinois  
O. 2 Northwestern  
O. 9 at Wisconsin  
O. 16 at Purdue  
O. 23 Penn State  
O. 30 Ohio State  
N. 6 at Michigan State  
N. 13 at Illinois  
N. 27 Iowa

**NORTHWESTERN (8-5, 5-3)**

*Evanston, IL*  
S. 4 at Vanderbilt  
S. 11 Illinois State  
S. 18 at Rice  
S. 25 Central Michigan  
O. 2 at Minnesota  
O. 9 Purdue  
O. 23 Michigan State  
O. 30 at Indiana  
N. 6 at Penn State  
N. 13 Iowa  
N. 20 Illinois  
N. 27 at Wisconsin

**OHIO STATE (11-2, 7-1)**

*Columbus, OH*  
S. 2 Marshall  
S. 11 Miami  
S. 18 Ohio  
S. 25 Eastern Michigan  
O. 2 at Illinois  
O. 9 Indiana  
O. 16 at Wisconsin  
O. 23 Purdue  
O. 30 at Minnesota  
N. 13 Penn State  
N. 20 at Iowa  
N. 27 Michigan

**PENN STATE (11-2, 6-2)**

*University Park, PA*  
S. 4 Youngstown State  
S. 11 at Alabama  
S. 18 Kent State  
S. 25 Temple  
O. 2 at Iowa  
O. 9 Illinois  
O. 23 at Minnesota  
O. 30 Michigan  
N. 6 Northwestern  
N. 13 at Ohio State  
N. 20 Indiana  
N. 27 Michigan State  
#Landon, MD

**PURDUE (5-7, 4-4)**

*West Lafayette, IN*  
S. 4 at Notre Dame  
S. 11 Western Illinois  
S. 18 Ball State  
S. 25 Toledo  
O. 2 at Northwestern  
O. 16 Minnesota  
O. 23 at Ohio State  
O. 30 Illinois  
N. 6 Wisconsin  
N. 13 Michigan  
N. 20 at Michigan State  
N. 27 Indiana

**WISCONSIN (10-3, 5-3)**

*Madison, WI*  
S. 4 at UNLV  
S. 11 San Jose State  
S. 18 Arizona State  
S. 25 Austin Peay  
O. 2 at Michigan State  
O. 9 Minnesota  
O. 16 Ohio State  
O. 23 at Iowa  
N. 6 at Purdue  
N. 13 Indiana  
N. 20 at Michigan  
N. 27 Northwestern

**BIG 12****BAYLOR (4-8, 1-7)**

*Waco, TX*  
S. 4 Sam Houston State  
S. 11 Buffalo  
S. 18 at TCU  
S. 25 at Rice  
O. 2 Kansas  
O. 9 #Texas Tech  
O. 16 at Colorado  
O. 23 Kansas State  
O. 30 at Texas  
N. 6 at Oklahoma State  
N. 13 Texas A&M  
N. 20 Oklahoma  
#Dallas, TX

**COLORADO (3-9, 2-6)**

*Boulder, CO*  
S. 4 #Colorado State  
S. 11 at California  
S. 18 Hawaii  
O. 2 Georgia  
O. 9 at Missouri  
O. 16 Baylor  
O. 23 Texas Tech  
O. 30 at Oklahoma  
N. 6 at Kansas  
N. 13 Iowa State  
N. 20 Kansas State  
N. 26 at Nebraska  
#Denver, CO

**IOWA STATE (7-6, 3-5)**

*Ames, IA*  
S. 2 Northern Illinois  
S. 11 at Iowa  
S. 18 #Kansas State  
S. 25 Northern Iowa  
O. 2 Texas Tech  
O. 9 Utah  
O. 16 at Oklahoma  
O. 23 at Texas  
O. 30 Kansas  
N. 6 Nebraska  
N. 13 at Colorado  
N. 20 Missouri  
#Kansas City, MO

**KANSAS (5-7, 1-7)**

*Lawrence, KS*  
S. 4 North Dakota State  
S. 11 Georgia Tech  
S. 17 at Southern Miss  
S. 25 New Mexico State  
O. 2 at Baylor  
O. 16 Kansas State  
O. 23 Texas A&M  
O. 30 at Iowa State  
N. 6 Colorado  
N. 13 at Nebraska  
N. 20 Oklahoma State  
N. 27 #Missouri  
#Kansas City, MO

**KANSAS STATE (6-6, 4-4)**

*Manhattan, KS*  
S. 4 UCLA  
S. 11 Missouri State  
S. 18 #Iowa State  
S. 25 UCF  
O. 7 Nebraska  
O. 16 at Kansas  
O. 23 at Baylor  
O. 30 Oklahoma State  
N. 6 Texas  
N. 13 at Missouri  
N. 20 at Colorado  
N. 27 at North Texas  
#Kansas City, MO

**MISSOURI (8-5, 4-4)**

*Columbia, MO*  
S. 4 #Illinois  
S. 11 McNeese State  
S. 18 San Diego State  
S. 25 Miami (OH)  
O. 9 Colorado  
O. 16 at Texas A&M  
O. 23 Oklahoma  
O. 30 at Nebraska  
N. 6 at Texas Tech  
N. 13 Kansas State  
N. 20 at Iowa State  
N. 27 #Kansas  
#St. Louis, MO  
#Kansas City, MO



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## NEBRASKA (10-4, 6-2)

Lincoln, NE

S. 4	Western Kentucky
S. 11	Idaho
S. 18	at Washington
S. 25	South Dakota State
O. 7	at Kansas State
O. 16	Texas
O. 23	at Oklahoma State
O. 30	Missouri
N. 6	at Iowa State
N. 13	Kansas
N. 20	at Texas A&M
N. 26	Colorado

## OKLAHOMA (8-5, 5-3)

Norman, OK

S. 4	Utah State
S. 11	Florida State
S. 18	Air Force
S. 25	at Cincinnati
O. 2	# Texas
O. 16	Iowa State
O. 23	at Missouri
O. 30	Colorado
N. 6	at Texas A&M
N. 13	Texas Tech
N. 20	at Baylor
N. 27	at Oklahoma State

## OKLAHOMA STATE (9-4, 6-2)

Stillwater, OK

S. 4	Washington State
S. 11	Troy
S. 18	Tulsa
S. 25	Texas A&M
O. 8	at UL Lafayette
O. 16	at Texas Tech
O. 23	Nebraska
O. 30	at Kansas State
N. 6	Baylor
N. 13	at Texas
N. 20	at Kansas
N. 27	Oklahoma

## TEXAS (13-1, 8-0)

Austin, TX

S. 4	at Rice (Reliant Stadium)
S. 11	Wyoming
S. 18	at Texas Tech
S. 25	UCLA
O. 2	# Oklahoma
O. 16	at Nebraska
O. 23	Iowa State
O. 30	Baylor
N. 6	at Kansas State
N. 13	Oklahoma State
N. 20	Florida Atlantic
N. 25	Texas A&M

## TEXAS A&M (6-7, 3-5)

College Station, TX

S. 4	Stephen F. Austin
S. 11	Louisiana Tech
S. 18	FIU
S. 30	at Oklahoma State
O. 9	# Arkansas
O. 16	Missouri
O. 23	at Kansas
O. 30	Texas Tech
N. 6	Oklahoma
N. 13	at Baylor
N. 20	Nebraska
N. 25	at Texas

## TEXAS TECH (9-4, 5-3)

Lubbock, TX

S. 5	SMU
S. 11	at New Mexico
S. 18	Texas
O. 2	at Iowa State
O. 9	# Baylor
O. 16	Oklahoma State
O. 23	at Colorado
O. 30	at Texas A&M
N. 6	Missouri
N. 13	at Oklahoma
N. 20	Weber State
N. 27	Houston

## C-USA

## EAST CAROLINA (9-5, 7-1)

Greenville, NC

S. 5	Tulsa
S. 11	Memphis
S. 18	at Virginia Tech
O. 2	at North Carolina
O. 9	at Southern Miss
O. 16	NC State
O. 23	Marshall
O. 30	at UCF
N. 6	Navy
N. 11	at UAB
N. 20	at Rice
N. 26	SMU

## HOUSTON (10-4, 6-2)

Houston, TX

S. 4	Texas State
S. 10	UTEP
S. 18	at UCLA
S. 25	Tulane
O. 9	Mississippi State
O. 16	at Rice
O. 23	at SMU
O. 30	at Memphis
N. 5	UCF
N. 13	Tulsa
N. 20	at Southern Miss
N. 27	at Texas Tech

## MARSHALL (7-6, 4-4)

Huntington, WV

S. 2	at Ohio State
S. 10	West Virginia
S. 18	at Bowling Green
S. 25	Ohio
O. 2	at Southern Miss
O. 13	UCF
O. 23	at East Carolina
O. 30	UTEP
N. 6	at UAB
N. 13	Memphis
N. 20	at SMU
N. 27	Tulane

## MEMPHIS (2-10, 1-7)

Memphis, TN

S. 4	at Mississippi State
S. 11	at East Carolina
S. 18	Middle Tennessee
S. 25	at UTEP
O. 2	Tulsa
O. 9	at Louisville
O. 16	Southern Miss
O. 30	Houston
N. 6	Tennessee
N. 13	at Marshall
N. 20	at UAB
N. 27	UCF

## RICE (2-10, 2-6)

Houston, TX

S. 4	Texas (Reliant Stadium)
S. 11	at North Texas
S. 18	Northwestern
S. 25	Baylor
O. 2	SMU
O. 9	at UTEP
O. 16	Houston
O. 23	at UCF
N. 6	at Tulsa
N. 13	at Tulane
N. 20	East Carolina
N. 27	UAB

## SMU (8-5, 6-2)

Dallas, TX

S. 5	at Texas Tech
S. 11	UAB
S. 18	Washington State
S. 24	TCU
O. 2	at Rice
O. 9	Tulsa
O. 16	at Navy
O. 23	Houston
O. 30	at Tulane
N. 6	at UTEP
N. 20	Marshall
N. 26	at East Carolina

## SOUTHERN MISS (7-6, 5-3)

Hattiesburg, MS

S. 2	at North Carolina
S. 11	Prairie View A&M
S. 18	Kansas
S. 25	at Louisiana Tech
O. 2	Marshall
O. 9	East Carolina
O. 16	at Memphis
O. 30	UAB
N. 6	at Tulane
N. 13	at UCF
N. 20	Houston
N. 27	at Tulsa

## TULANE (3-9, 1-7)

New Orleans, LA

S. 4	Southeastern Louisiana
S. 11	Ole Miss
S. 25	at Houston
O. 2	at Rutgers
O. 9	Army
O. 16	at Tulsa
O. 23	at UTEP
O. 30	SMU
N. 6	Southern Miss
N. 13	Rice
N. 20	UCF
N. 27	at Marshall

## TULSA (5-7, 3-5)

Tulsa, OK

S. 5	at East Carolina
S. 11	Bowling Green
S. 18	at Oklahoma State
S. 25	Central Arkansas
O. 2	at Memphis
O. 9	at SMU
O. 16	Tulane
O. 30	at Notre Dame
N. 6	Rice
N. 13	at Houston
N. 20	UTEP
N. 27	Southern Miss

## UAB (5-7, 4-4)

Birmingham, AL

S. 4	Florida Atlantic
S. 11	at SMU
S. 18	Troy
S. 25	at Tennessee
O. 6	at UCF
O. 16	UTEP
O. 23	at Mississippi State
O. 30	at Southern Miss
N. 6	Marshall
N. 11	East Carolina
N. 20	Memphis
N. 27	at Rice

## UCF (8-5, 6-2)

Orlando, FL

S. 4	South Dakota
S. 11	NC State
S. 18	at Buffalo
S. 25	at Kansas State
O. 6	UAB
O. 13	at Marshall
O. 23	Rice
O. 30	East Carolina
N. 5	at Houston
N. 13	Southern Miss
N. 20	at Tulane
N. 27	at Memphis

## UTEP (4-8, 3-5)

El Paso, TX

S. 4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 10	at Houston
S. 18	New Mexico State
S. 25	Memphis
O. 2	at New Mexico
O. 9	Rice
O. 16	at UAB
O. 23	Tulane
O. 30	at Marshall
N. 6	SMU
N. 13	at Arkansas
N. 20	at Tulsa

## MAC

## AKRON (3-9, 2-6)

Akron, OH

S. 4	Syracuse
S. 11	Gardner Webb
S. 18	at Kentucky
S. 25	at Indiana
O. 2	Northern Illinois
O. 9	at Kent State
O. 16	at Ohio
O. 23	Western Michigan
O. 30	at Temple
N. 6	at Ball State
N. 17	Miami (OH)
N. 26	Buffalo

## BALL STATE (2-10, 2-6)

Muncie, IN

S. 2	SE Missouri State
S. 11	Liberty
S. 18	at Purdue
S. 25	at Iowa
O. 2	at Central Michigan
O. 9	Western Michigan
O. 16	Eastern Michigan
O. 23	at Toledo
O. 30	at Kent State
N. 6	Akron
N. 12	at Buffalo
N. 20	Northern Illinois

## BOWLING GREEN (7-6, 6-2)

Bowling Green, OH

S. 4	at Troy
S. 11	at Tulsa
S. 18	Marshall
S. 25	at Michigan
O. 2	Buffalo
O. 9	at Ohio
O. 16	at Temple
O. 23	Kent State
O. 30	at Central Michigan
N. 10	Miami (OH)
N. 17	at Toledo
N. 26	Western Michigan

## BUFFALO (5-7, 3-5)

Buffalo, NY

S. 2	Rhode Island
S. 11	at Baylor
S. 18	UCF
S. 25	at Connecticut
O. 2	at Bowling Green
O. 16	at Northern Illinois
O. 23	Temple
O. 30	Miami (OH)
N. 4	at Ohio
N. 12	Ball State
N. 20	Eastern Michigan
N. 26	at Akron

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN (12-2, 8-0)

Mt. Pleasant, MI

S. 2	Hampton
S. 11	at Temple
S. 18	at Eastern Michigan
S. 25	at Northwestern
O. 2	Ball State
O. 9	at Virginia Tech
O. 16	Miami (OH)
O. 23	at Northern Illinois
O. 30	Bowling Green
N. 5	Western Michigan
N. 13	at Navy
N. 26	at Toledo

## EASTERN MICHIGAN (0-12, 0-8)

Ypsilanti, MI

S. 4	Army
S. 11	at Miami (OH)
S. 18	Central Michigan
S. 25	at Ohio State
O. 2	Ohio
O. 9	at Vanderbilt
O. 16	at Ball State
O. 23	at Virginia
O. 30	Toledo
N. 13	at Western Michigan
N. 20	at Buffalo
N. 26	Northern Illinois

## KENT STATE (5-7, 4-4)

Kent, OH

S. 2	Murray State
S. 11	at Boston College
S. 18	at Penn State
O. 2	at Miami (OH)
O. 9	Akron
O. 16	at Toledo
O. 23	at Bowling Green
O. 30	Ball State
N. 6	Temple
N. 13	Army
N. 20	at Western Michigan
N. 26	Ohio

## MIAMI (OH) (1-11, 1-7)

Oxford, OH

S. 4	at Florida
S. 11	Eastern Michigan
S. 18	Colorado State
S. 25	at Missouri
O. 2	Kent State
O. 9	at Cincinnati
O. 16	at Central Michigan
O. 23	Ohio
O. 30	at Buffalo
N. 10	at Bowling Green
N. 17	at Akron
N. 23	Temple

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS (7-6, 5-3)

DeKalb, IL

S. 2	at Iowa State
S. 11	North Dakota
S. 18	at Illinois
S. 25	at Minnesota
O. 2	at Akron
O. 9	Temple
O. 16	Buffalo
O. 23	Central Michigan
O. 30	at Western Michigan
N. 9	Toledo
N. 20	at Ball State
N. 26	at Eastern Michigan

## OHIO (9-5, 7-1)

Athens, OH

S. 4	Wofford
S. 11	Toledo
S. 18	at Ohio State
S. 25	at Marshall
O. 2	at Eastern Michigan
O. 9	Bowling Green
O. 16	Akron
O. 23	at Miami (OH)
O. 30	UL Lafayette
N. 4	Buffalo
N. 16	at Temple
N. 26	at Kent State

## TEMPLE (9-4, 7-1)

Philadelphia, PA

S. 3	Villanova
S. 11	Central Michigan
S. 18	Connecticut
S. 25	at Penn State
O. 2	at Army
O. 9	at Northern Illinois
O. 16	Bowling Green
O. 23	at Buffalo
O. 30	Akron
N. 6	at Kent State
N. 16	Ohio
N. 23	at Miami (OH)

## TOLEDO (5-7, 3-5)

Toledo, OH

S. 3	Arizona
S. 11	at Ohio
S. 18	at Western Michigan
S. 25	at Purdue
O. 2	Wyoming
O. 9	at Boise State
O. 16	Kent State
O. 23	Ball State
O. 30	at Eastern Michigan
N. 9	at Northern Illinois
N. 17	Bowling Green
N. 26	Central Michigan

## WESTERN MICHIGAN (5-7, 4-4)

Kalamazoo, MI

S. 4	at Michigan State
S. 11	Nicholls State
S. 18	Toledo
O. 2	Idaho
O. 9	at Ball State
O. 16	at Notre Dame
O. 23	at Akron
O. 30	Northern Illinois
N. 5	at Central Michigan
N. 13	Eastern Michigan
N. 20	Kent State
N. 26	at Bowling Green

## MOUNTAIN WEST

## AIR FORCE (8-5, 5-3)

Colorado Springs, CO

S. 4	Northwestern State
S. 11	BYU
S. 18	at Oklahoma
S. 25	at Wyoming
O. 2	Navy
O. 9	Colorado State
O. 16	at San Diego State
O. 23	at TCU
O. 30	Utah



**CALIFORNIA (8-5, 5-4)**

Berkeley, CA  
 S. 4 UC Davis  
 S. 11 Colorado  
 S. 17 at Nevada  
 S. 25 at Arizona  
 O. 9 UCLA  
 O. 16 at USC  
 O. 23 Arizona State  
 O. 30 at Oregon State  
 N. 6 at Washington State  
 N. 13 Oregon  
 N. 20 Stanford  
 N. 27 Washington

**OREGON (10-3, 8-1)**

Eugene, OR  
 S. 4 New Mexico  
 S. 11 at Tennessee  
 S. 18 Portland State  
 S. 25 at Arizona State  
 O. 2 Stanford  
 O. 9 at Washington State  
 O. 21 UCLA  
 O. 30 at USC  
 N. 6 Washington  
 N. 13 at California  
 N. 26 Arizona  
 D. 4 at Oregon State

**OREGON STATE (8-5, 6-3)**

Corvallis, OR  
 S. 4 #TCU  
 S. 18 Louisville  
 S. 25 at Boise State  
 O. 2 Arizona State  
 O. 9 at Arizona  
 O. 16 at Washington  
 O. 30 California  
 N. 6 at UCLA  
 N. 13 Washington State  
 N. 20 USC  
 N. 27 at Stanford  
 D. 4 Oregon  
 #Arlington, TX

**STANFORD (8-5, 6-3)**

Stanford, CA  
 S. 4 Sacramento State  
 S. 11 at UCLA  
 S. 18 Wake Forest  
 S. 25 at Notre Dame  
 O. 2 at Oregon  
 O. 9 USC  
 O. 23 Washington State  
 O. 30 at Washington  
 N. 6 Arizona  
 N. 13 at Arizona State  
 N. 20 at California  
 N. 27 Oregon State

**UCLA (7-6, 3-6)**

Los Angeles, CA  
 S. 4 at Kansas State  
 S. 11 Stanford  
 S. 18 Houston  
 S. 25 at Texas  
 O. 2 Washington State  
 O. 9 at California  
 O. 21 at Oregon  
 O. 30 Arizona  
 N. 6 Oregon State  
 N. 18 at Washington  
 N. 26 at Arizona State  
 D. 4 USC

**USC (9-4, 5-4)**

Los Angeles, CA  
 S. 2 at Hawaii  
 S. 11 Virginia  
 S. 18 at Minnesota  
 S. 25 at Washington State  
 O. 2 Washington  
 O. 9 at Stanford  
 O. 16 California  
 O. 30 Oregon  
 N. 5 Arizona State  
 N. 13 at Arizona  
 N. 20 at Oregon State  
 N. 27 Notre Dame  
 D. 4 UCLA

**WASHINGTON (5-7, 4-5)**

Seattle, WA  
 S. 4 at BYU  
 S. 11 Syracuse  
 S. 18 Nebraska  
 O. 2 at USC  
 O. 9 Arizona State  
 O. 16 Oregon State  
 O. 23 at Arizona  
 O. 30 Stanford  
 N. 6 at Oregon  
 N. 18 UCLA  
 N. 27 at California  
 D. 4 at Washington State

**WASHINGTON STATE (1-11, 0-9)**

Pullman, WA  
 S. 4 at Oklahoma State  
 S. 11 Montana State  
 S. 18 at SMU  
 S. 25 USC  
 O. 2 at UCLA  
 O. 9 Oregon  
 O. 16 Arizona  
 O. 23 at Stanford  
 O. 30 at Arizona State  
 N. 6 California  
 N. 13 at Oregon State  
 D. 4 Washington

**SEC****ALABAMA (14-0, 8-0)**

Tuscaloosa, AL  
 S. 4 San Jose State  
 S. 11 Penn State  
 S. 18 at Duke  
 S. 25 at Arkansas  
 O. 2 Florida  
 O. 9 at South Carolina  
 O. 16 Ole Miss  
 O. 23 at Tennessee  
 N. 6 at LSU  
 N. 13 Mississippi State  
 N. 20 Georgia State  
 N. 26 Auburn

**ARKANSAS (8-5, 3-5)**

Fayetteville, AR  
 S. 4 Tennessee Tech  
 S. 11 #UL Monroe  
 S. 18 at Georgia  
 S. 25 Alabama  
 O. 9 %Texas A&M  
 O. 16 at Auburn  
 O. 23 Ole Miss  
 O. 30 Vanderbilt  
 N. 6 at South Carolina  
 N. 13 UTEP  
 N. 20 at Mississippi State  
 N. 27 #LSU  
 #Little Rock, AR  
 #Arlington, TX

**AUBURN (8-5, 3-5)**

Auburn, AL  
 S. 4 Arkansas State  
 S. 9 at Mississippi State  
 S. 18 Clemson  
 S. 25 South Carolina  
 O. 2 UL Monroe  
 O. 9 at Kentucky  
 O. 16 Arkansas  
 O. 23 LSU  
 O. 30 at Ole Miss  
 N. 6 Chattanooga  
 N. 13 Georgia  
 N. 26 at Alabama

**FLORIDA (13-1, 8-0)**

Gainesville, FL  
 S. 4 Miami (OH)  
 S. 11 South Florida  
 S. 18 at Tennessee  
 S. 25 Kentucky  
 O. 2 at Alabama  
 O. 9 LSU  
 O. 16 Mississippi State  
 O. 30 Georgia  
 N. 6 at Vanderbilt  
 N. 13 South Carolina  
 N. 20 Appalachian State  
 N. 27 at Florida State  
 #Jacksonville, FL

**GEORGIA (8-5, 4-4)**

Athens, GA  
 S. 4 UL Lafayette  
 S. 11 at South Carolina  
 S. 18 Arkansas  
 S. 25 at Mississippi State  
 O. 2 at Colorado  
 O. 9 Tennessee  
 O. 16 Vanderbilt  
 O. 23 at Kentucky  
 O. 30 #Florida  
 N. 6 Idaho State  
 N. 13 at Auburn  
 N. 27 Georgia Tech  
 #Jacksonville, FL

**KENTUCKY (7-6, 3-5)**

Lexington, KY  
 S. 4 at Louisville  
 S. 11 Western Kentucky  
 S. 18 Akron  
 S. 25 at Florida  
 O. 2 at Ole Miss  
 O. 9 Auburn  
 O. 16 South Carolina  
 O. 23 Georgia  
 O. 30 at Mississippi State  
 N. 6 Charleston Southern  
 N. 13 Vanderbilt  
 N. 27 at Tennessee

**LSU (9-4, 5-3)**

Baton Rouge, LA  
 S. 4 #North Carolina  
 S. 11 at Vanderbilt  
 S. 18 Mississippi State  
 S. 25 West Virginia  
 O. 2 Tennessee  
 O. 9 at Florida  
 O. 16 McNeese State  
 O. 23 at Auburn  
 N. 6 Alabama  
 N. 13 UL Monroe  
 N. 20 Ole Miss  
 N. 27 %Arkansas  
 #Atlanta, GA  
 #Little Rock, AR

**MISSISSIPPI STATE (5-7, 3-5)**

Starkville, MS  
 S. 4 Memphis  
 S. 9 Auburn  
 S. 18 at LSU  
 S. 25 Georgia  
 O. 2 Alcorn State  
 O. 9 at Houston  
 O. 16 at Florida  
 O. 23 UAB  
 O. 30 Kentucky  
 N. 13 at Alabama  
 N. 20 Arkansas  
 N. 27 at Ole Miss

**OLE MISS (9-4, 4-4)**

Oxford, MS  
 S. 4 Jacksonville State  
 S. 11 at Tulane  
 S. 18 Vanderbilt  
 S. 25 Fresno State  
 O. 2 Kentucky  
 O. 16 at Alabama  
 O. 23 at Arkansas  
 O. 30 Auburn  
 N. 6 UL Lafayette  
 N. 13 at Tennessee  
 N. 20 at LSU  
 N. 27 Mississippi State

**SOUTH CAROLINA (7-6, 3-5)**

Columbia, SC  
 S. 2 Southern Miss  
 S. 11 Georgia  
 S. 18 Furman  
 S. 25 at Auburn  
 O. 9 Alabama  
 O. 16 at Kentucky  
 O. 23 at Vanderbilt  
 O. 30 Tennessee  
 N. 6 Arkansas  
 N. 13 at Florida  
 N. 20 Troy  
 N. 27 at Clemson

**TENNESSEE (7-6, 4-4)**

Knoxville, TN  
 S. 4 Tennessee-Martin  
 S. 11 Oregon  
 S. 18 Florida  
 S. 25 UAB  
 O. 2 at LSU  
 O. 9 at Georgia  
 O. 23 Alabama  
 O. 30 at South Carolina  
 N. 6 at Memphis  
 N. 13 Ole Miss  
 N. 20 at Vanderbilt  
 N. 27 Kentucky

**VANDERBILT (2-10, 0-8)**

Nashville, TN  
 S. 4 Northwestern  
 S. 11 LSU  
 S. 18 at Ole Miss  
 O. 2 at Connecticut  
 O. 9 Eastern Michigan  
 O. 16 at Georgia  
 O. 23 South Carolina  
 O. 30 at Arkansas  
 N. 6 Florida  
 N. 13 at Kentucky  
 N. 20 Tennessee  
 N. 27 Wake Forest

**SUN BELT****ARKANSAS STATE (4-8, 3-5)**

Jonesboro, AR  
 S. 4 at Auburn  
 S. 11 at UL Lafayette  
 S. 18 UL Monroe  
 S. 25 at Troy  
 O. 2 Louisville  
 O. 9 at North Texas  
 O. 16 at Indiana  
 O. 23 Florida Atlantic  
 N. 2 Middle Tennessee  
 N. 13 Western Kentucky  
 N. 20 at Navy  
 N. 27 at FIU

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC (5-7, 5-3)**

Boca Raton, FL  
 S. 4 at UAB  
 S. 11 #Michigan State  
 S. 25 North Texas  
 O. 2 at South Florida  
 O. 9 at UL Monroe  
 O. 23 at Arkansas State  
 O. 30 FIU  
 N. 6 at Western Kentucky  
 N. 13 UL Lafayette  
 N. 20 at Texas  
 N. 27 at Middle Tennessee  
 D. 4 Troy  
 #Detroit, MI

**FIU (3-9, 3-5)**

Miami, FL  
 S. 11 Rutgers  
 S. 18 at Texas A&M  
 S. 25 at Maryland  
 O. 2 at Pittsburgh  
 O. 9 Western Kentucky  
 O. 16 at North Texas  
 O. 30 at Florida Atlantic  
 N. 6 UL Monroe  
 N. 13 at Troy  
 N. 20 at UL Lafayette  
 N. 27 Arkansas State  
 D. 4 Middle Tennessee

**UL LAFAYETTE (6-6, 4-4)**

Lafayette, LA  
 S. 4 at Georgia  
 S. 11 Arkansas State  
 S. 25 Middle Tennessee  
 O. 2 at North Texas  
 O. 8 Oklahoma State  
 O. 16 at Troy  
 O. 23 Western Kentucky  
 O. 30 at Ohio  
 N. 6 Ole Miss  
 N. 13 at Florida Atlantic  
 N. 20 FIU  
 N. 27 at UL Monroe

**UL MONROE (6-6, 5-3)**

Monroe, LA  
 S. 11 #Arkansas  
 S. 18 at Arkansas State  
 S. 25 Southeastern Louisiana  
 O. 2 at Auburn  
 O. 9 Florida Atlantic  
 O. 16 at Western Kentucky  
 O. 23 at Middle Tennessee  
 O. 30 Troy  
 N. 6 at FIU  
 N. 13 at LSU  
 N. 20 North Texas  
 N. 27 UL Lafayette  
 #Little Rock, AR

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE (10-3, 7-1)**

Murfreesboro, TN  
 S. 2 Minnesota  
 S. 11 Austin Peay  
 S. 18 at Memphis  
 S. 25 at UL Lafayette  
 O. 5 Troy  
 O. 16 at Georgia Tech  
 O. 23 UL Monroe  
 N. 2 at Arkansas State  
 N. 13 North Texas  
 N. 20 at Western Kentucky  
 N. 27 Florida Atlantic  
 D. 4 at FIU

**NORTH TEXAS (2-10, 1-7)**

Denton, TX  
 S. 4 at Clemson  
 S. 11 Rice  
 S. 18 at Army  
 S. 25 at Florida Atlantic  
 O. 2 UL Lafayette  
 O. 9 Arkansas State  
 O. 16 FIU  
 O. 30 at Western Kentucky  
 N. 6 Troy  
 N. 13 at Middle Tennessee  
 N. 20 at UL Monroe  
 N. 27 Kansas State

**TROY (9-4, 8-0)**

Troy, AL  
 S. 4 Bowling Green  
 S. 11 at Oklahoma State  
 S. 18 at UAB  
 S. 25 Arkansas State  
 O. 5 at Middle Tennessee  
 O. 16 UL Lafayette  
 O. 30 at UL Monroe  
 N. 6 at North Texas  
 N. 13 FIU  
 N. 20 at South Carolina  
 N. 27 Western Kentucky  
 D. 4 at Florida Atlantic

**WESTERN KENTUCKY (0-12, 0-8)**

Bowling Green, KY  
 S. 4 at Nebraska  
 S. 11 at Kentucky  
 S. 18 Indiana  
 S. 25 at South Florida  
 O. 9 at FIU  
 O. 16 UL Monroe  
 O. 23 at UL Lafayette  
 O. 30 North Texas  
 N. 6 Florida Atlantic  
 N. 13 at Arkansas State  
 N. 20 Middle Tennessee  
 N. 27 at Troy

**WAC****BOISE STATE (14-0, 8-0)**

Boise, ID  
 S. 6 #Virginia Tech  
 S. 18 at Wyoming  
 S. 25 Oregon State  
 O. 2 at New Mexico State  
 O. 9 Toledo  
 O. 16 at San Jose State  
 O. 26 Louisiana Tech  
 N. 6 Hawaii  
 N. 12 at Idaho  
 N. 19 Fresno State  
 N. 26 at Nevada  
 D. 4 Utah State  
 #Lander, ID

**FRESNO STATE (8-5, 6-2)**

Fresno, CA  
 S. 4 Cincinnati  
 S. 18 at Utah State  
 S. 25 at Ole Miss  
 O. 2 Cal Poly  
 O. 9 Hawaii  
 O. 16 New Mexico State  
 O. 23 at San Jose State  
 N. 6 at Louisiana Tech  
 N. 13 Nevada  
 N. 19 at Boise State  
 N. 27 Idaho  
 D. 3 Illinois

**HAWAII (7-6, 3-5)**

Honolulu, HI  
 S. 2 USC  
 S. 11 at Army  
 S. 18 at Colorado  
 S. 25 Charleston Southern  
 O. 2 Louisiana Tech  
 O. 9 at Fresno State  
 O. 16 Nevada  
 O. 23 at Utah State  
 O. 30 Idaho  
 N. 6 at Boise State  
 N. 20 San Jose State  
 N. 27 at New Mexico State  
 D. 4 UNLV

**IDAHO (8-5, 4-4)**

Moscow, ID  
 S. 2 North Dakota  
 S. 11 at Nebraska  
 S. 18 UNLV  
 S. 25 at Colorado State  
 O. 2 at Western Michigan  
 O. 16 at Louisiana Tech  
 O. 23 New Mexico State  
 O. 30 at Hawaii  
 N. 6 Nevada  
 N. 12 Boise State  
 N. 20 at Utah State  
 N. 27 at Fresno State  
 D. 4 San Jose State

**LOUISIANA TECH (4-8, 3-5)**

Ruston, LA  
 S. 4 #Grambling State  
 S. 11 at Texas A&M  
 S. 18 Navy  
 S. 25 Southern Miss  
 O. 2 at Hawaii  
 O. 9 Utah State  
 O. 16 Idaho  
 O. 26 at Boise State  
 N. 6 Fresno State  
 N. 13 at New Mexico State  
 N. 27 at San Jose State  
 D. 4 Nevada  
 #Shreveport, LA

**NEVADA (8-5, 7-1)**

Reno, NV  
 S. 2 Eastern Washington  
 S. 11 Colorado State  
 S. 17 California  
 S. 25 at BYU  
 O. 2 at UNLV  
 O. 9 San Jose State  
 O. 16 at Hawaii  
 O. 30 Utah State  
 N. 6 at Idaho  
 N. 13 at Fresno State  
 N. 20 New Mexico State  
 N. 26 Boise State  
 D. 4 at Louisiana Tech

**NEW MEXICO STATE (3-10, 1-7)**

Las Cruces, NM  
 S. 11 San Diego State  
 S. 18 at UTEP  
 S. 25 at Kansas  
 O. 02 Boise State  
 O. 09 New Mexico  
 O. 16 at Fresno State  
 O. 23 at Idaho  
 O. 30 San Jose State  
 N. 06 at Utah State  
 N. 13 Louisiana Tech  
 N. 20 at Nevada  
 N. 27 Hawaii

**SAN JOSE STATE (2-10, 1-7)**

San Jose, CA  
 S. 4 at Alabama  
 S. 11 at Wisconsin  
 S. 18 Southern Utah  
 S. 25 at Utah  
 O. 2 UC Davis  
 O. 9 at Nevada  
 O. 16 Boise State  
 O. 23 Fresno State  
 O. 30 at New Mexico State  
 N. 13 Utah State  
 N. 20 at Hawaii  
 N. 27 Louisiana Tech  
 D. 4 at Idaho

**UTAH STATE (4-8, 3-5)**

Logan, UT  
 S. 4 at Oklahoma  
 S. 11 Idaho State  
 S. 18 Fresno State  
 S. 25 at San Diego State  
 O. 1 BYU  
 O. 9 at Louisiana Tech  
 O. 23 Hawaii  
 O. 30 at Nevada  
 N. 6 New Mexico State  
 N. 13 at San Jose State  
 N. 20 Idaho  
 D. 4 at Boise State

**FBS INDEPENDENTS****ARMY (5-7)**

West Point, NY  
 S. 4 at Eastern Michigan  
 S. 11 Hawaii  
 S. 18 North Texas  
 S. 25 at Duke  
 O. 2 Temple  
 O. 9 at Tulane  
 O. 16 #Rutgers  
 O. 30 VMI  
 N. 6 Air Force  
 N. 13 at Kent State  
 N. 20 #Notre Dame  
 D. 11 #Navy  
 #East Rutherford, NJ  
 #Bronx, NY  
 #Philadelphia, PA

**NAVY (10-4)**

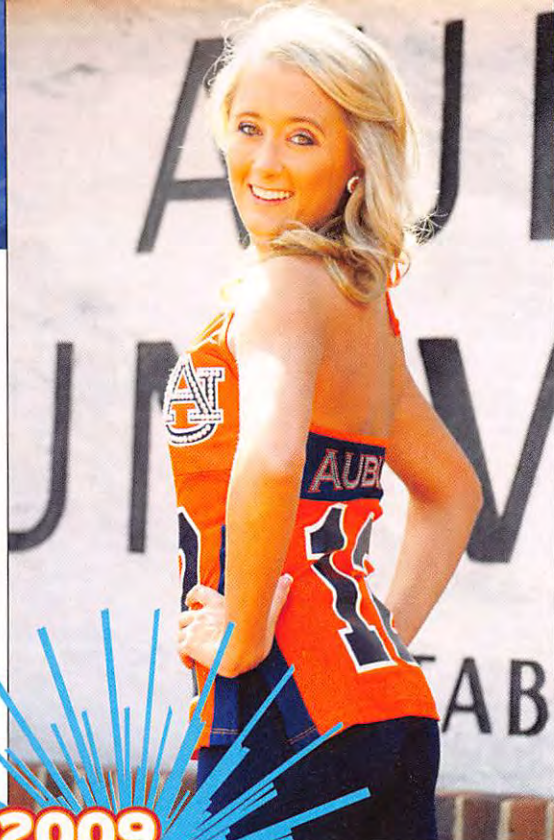
Annapolis, MD  
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 S. 11 Georgia Southern  
 S. 18 at Louisiana Tech  
 O. 2 at Air Force  
 O. 9 at Wake Forest  
 O. 16 SMU  
 O. 23 #Notre Dame  
 O. 30 Duke  
 N. 6 at East Carolina  
 N. 13 Central Michigan  
 N. 20 Arkansas State  
 D. 11 #Army  
 #Baltimore, MD  
 #East Rutherford, NJ  
 #Philadelphia, PA

**NOTRE DAME (6-6)**

South Bend, IN  
 S. 4 Purdue  
 S. 11 Michigan  
 S. 18 at Michigan State  
 S. 25 Stanford  
 O. 2 at Boston College  
 O. 9 Pittsburgh  
 O. 16 Western Michigan  
 O. 23 #Navy  
 O. 30 Tulsa  
 N. 13 Utah  
 N. 20 #Army  
 N. 27 at USC  
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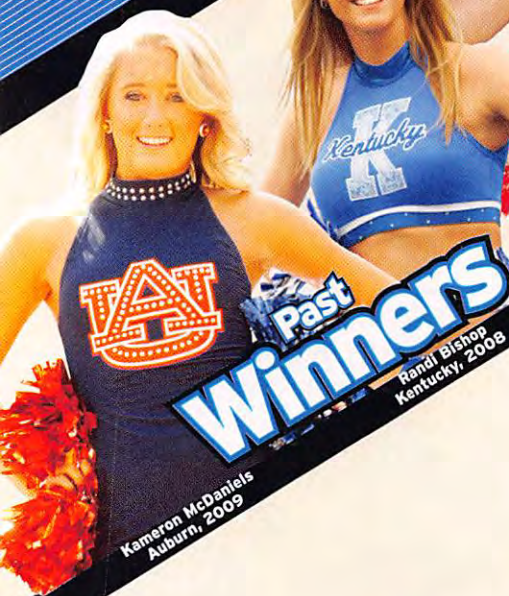


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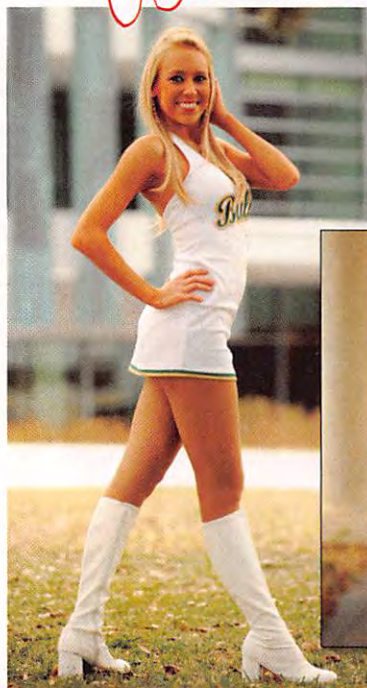


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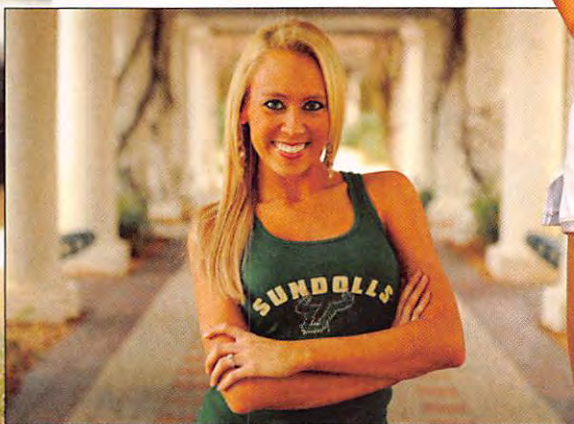


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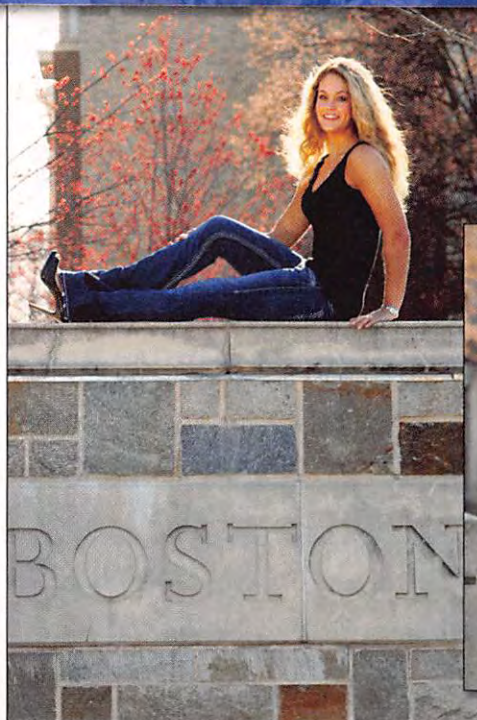


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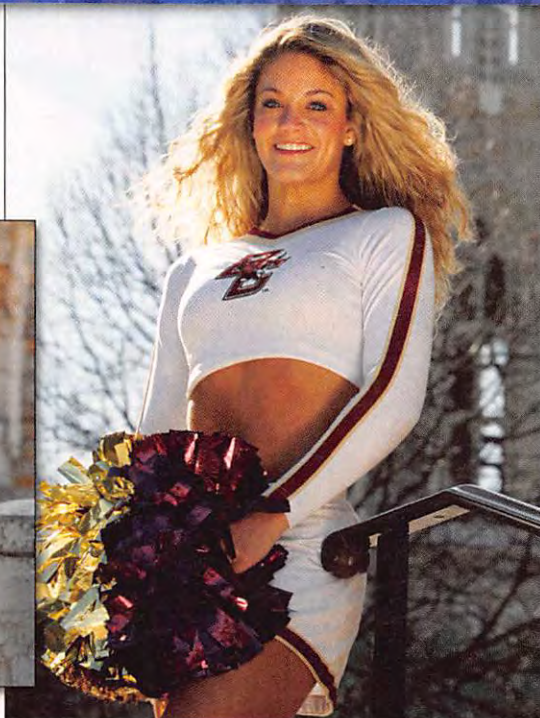


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# RECRUITING

## ATHLON CONSENSUS 100

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Seantrel Henderson	OL	6'7"	300	St. Paul, MN	USC	51. Garrison Smith	DT	6'3"	250	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
2. Ronald Powell	DE	6'4"	250	Moreno Valley, CA	Florida	52. Mack Brown	RB	5'11"	190	Lithonia, GA	Florida
3. Robert Woods	WR	6'1"	185	Carson, CA	USC	53. T.J. Stripling	DE	6'3"	215	Decatur, GA	Georgia
4. Jackson Jeffcoat	DE	6'5"	235	Plano, TX	Texas	54. Khairi Fortt	LB	6'3"	221	Stamford, CT	Penn State
5. Marcus Lattimore	RB	5'11"	215	Duncan, SC	South Carolina	55. Christian Jones	LB	6'3"	225	Winter Park, FL	Florida State
6. Kyle Prater	WR	6'5"	215	Maywood, IL	USC	56. C.J. Fiedorowicz	TE	6'7"	250	Johnsburg, IL	Iowa
7. Michael Dyer	RB	5'8"	201	Little Rock, AR	Auburn	57. John Fulton	CB	6'0"	178	Manning, SC	Alabama
8. Matt Elam	S	5'10"	199	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Florida	58. Phillip Sims	QB	6'2"	224	Chesapeake, VA	Alabama
9. Lamarus Joyner	CB	5'8"	175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Florida State	59. Gerald Christian	TE	6'3"	232	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Florida
10. Sharrif Floyd	DT	6'3"	311	Philadelphia, PA	Florida	60. Mike Davis	WR	6'2"	183	Dallas, TX	Texas
11. Lache Seastrunk	RB	5'11"	190	Temple, TX	Oregon	61. Ja'Wuan James	OL	6'6"	290	Suwanee, GA	Tennessee
12. Darius White	WR	6'3"	200	Ft. Worth, TX	Texas	62. Trey Hopkins	OL	6'4"	280	Galena Park, TX	Texas
13. Alec Ogletree	LB	6'3"	215	Newnan, GA	Georgia	63. Brent Benedict	OL	6'5"	273	Jacksonville, FL	Georgia
14. Reggie Wilson	DE	6'3"	240	Haltom City, TX	Texas	64. DeMarco Cobbs	ATH	6'2"	212	Tulsa, OK	Texas
15. DeMarcus Milliner	CB	6'1"	180	Millbrook, AL	Alabama	65. Jordon James	RB	5'10"	190	Corona, CA	UCLA
16. Jordan Hicks	LB	6'2"	220	West Chester, OH	Texas	66. Ivan McCartney	WR	6'3"	183	Miramar, FL	West Virginia
17. Jeff Luc	LB	6'1"	230	Port St. Lucie, FL	Florida State	67. Justin Hunter	WR	6'5"	180	Virginia Beach, VA	Tennessee
18. Xavier Grimble	TE	6'6"	245	Las Vegas, NV	USC	68. Latwan Anderson	DB	5'11"	185	Cleveland, OH	Miami
19. Chris Martin	DE	6'4"	240	Oakland, CA	Cal	69. Taylor Bible	DT	6'3"	300	Denton, TX	Texas
20. D.J. Morgan	RB	6'0"	175	Van Nuys, CA	USC	70. J.R. Ferguson	DE	6'3"	272	Frederick, VA	LSU
21. Da'Rick Rogers	WR	6'3"	215	Calhoun, GA	Tennessee	71. Kenny Stills	WR	6'1"	175	Encinitas, CA	Oklahoma
22. Robert Crisp	OL	6'7"	299	Raleigh, NC	NC State	72. Corey Nelson	LB	6'0"	210	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
23. Dominique Easley	DT	6'3"	270	Staten Island, NY	Florida	73. Brennan Clay	RB	5'11"	187	San Diego, CA	Oklahoma
24. William Gholston	DE	6'7"	237	Detroit, MI	Michigan State	74. Adrian Coxson	WR	6'2"	195	Baltimore, MD	Florida
25. Tony Jefferson	ATH	6'0"	210	Chula Vista, CA	Oklahoma	75. Jacques Smith	DE	6'3"	235	Ooltewah, TN	Tennessee
26. Keenan Allen	ATH	6'3"	200	Greensboro, NC	Cal	76. Blake Bell	QB	6'6"	215	Wichita, KS	Oklahoma
27. Roderick Smith	RB	6'3"	220	Ft. Wayne, IN	Ohio State	77. Cecil Whiteside	LB	6'3"	220	Newport Beach, CA	Cal
28. Malcolm Jones	RB	6'1"	220	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA	78. Jesse Scroggins	QB	6'3"	205	Lakewood, CA	USC
29. Anthony Barr	ATH	6'4"	225	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA	79. Ian Silberman	OL	6'5"	260	Orange Park, FL	Florida
30. Christian Green	WR	6'2"	200	Tampa, FL	Florida State	80. Eric Reid	S	6'2"	200	Geismar, LA	LSU
31. Owamagbe Odighizuwa	DE	6'4"	240	Portland, OR	UCLA	81. Ahmad Dixon	ATH	6'1"	190	Waco, TX	Baylor
32. Jaylen Watkins	CB	6'0"	174	Cape Coral, FL	Florida	82. Dietrich Riley	S	6'1"	195	La Canada, CA	UCLA
33. Jake Matthews	OL	6'5"	285	Missouri City, TX	Texas A&M	83. Damien Robinson	OL	6'8"	330	Olive Branch, MS	Miss. State
34. Andrew Norwell	OL	6'6"	290	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State	84. T.J. Clemmings	DE	6'6"	280	Teaneck, NJ	Pittsburgh
35. Trovon Reed	WR	6'0"	173	Thibodaux, LA	Auburn	85. Matt James	OL	6'7"	291	Cincinnati, OH	Notre Dame
36. James Hurst	OL	6'7"	305	Plainfield, IN	North Carolina	86. Cullen Christian	CB	6'0"	172	Verona, PA	Michigan
37. Markeith Ambles	WR	6'2"	215	McDonough, GA	USC	87. Kelcy Quarles	DT	6'3"	267	Greenwood, SC	South Carolina
38. Corey Lemonier	DE	6'5"	223	Hialeah, FL	Auburn	88. Silas Redd	RB	5'10"	190	Stamford, CT	Penn State
39. Curtis White	TE	6'4"	230	Eugene, OR	Oregon	89. Paul Jones	QB	6'3"	223	McKees Rocks, PA	Penn State
40. Justin McCay	ATH	6'3"	200	Shawnee Mission, KS	Oklahoma	90. Corey Miller	DE	6'4"	230	Duncan, SC	Tennessee
41. Martavis Bryant	WR	6'5"	200	Anderson, SC	Clemson	91. Nick Damien	OL	6'6"	295	Wentzville, MO	Missouri
42. Jake Heaps	QB	6'2"	195	Sammamish, WA	BYU	92. Alfie Hill	DE	6'4"	245	Shallotte, NC	Alabama
43. Chaz Green	OL	6'6"	290	Tampa, FL	Florida	93. Brandon Willis	DE	6'3"	270	Duncan, SC	North Carolina
44. Jonathan Dowling	ATH	6'4"	185	Brandeton, FL	Florida	94. Robert Bolden	QB	6'4"	205	Orchard Lake, MI	Penn State
45. Chris Dunkley	WR	5'11"	170	Pahokee, FL	Florida	95. Cassius Marsh	DT	6'4"	270	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA
46. George Uko	DT	6'4"	300	Chino, CA	USC	96. Dion Bailey	S	6'1"	195	Lakewood, CA	USC
47. Joshua Shaw	CB	6'3"	186	Palmdale, CA	Florida	97. Jarrick Williams	S	6'1"	203	Prichard, AL	Alabama
48. Tevin Jackson	LB	6'2"	230	Garland, TX	Texas	98. Ricky Heimuli	DT	6'4"	290	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
49. Dillon Baxter	RB	6'0"	205	San Diego, CA	USC	99. Jordan Allen	DE	6'6"	248	West Monroe, LA	LSU
50. Sean Parker	S	5'10"	204	Los Angeles, CA	Washington	100. Giovanni Bernard	RB	5'10"	205	Davie, FL	North Carolina

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# RECRUITING

## BY POSITION

### QUARTERBACKS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Jake Heaps	6'2"	195	Sammamish, WA	42	BYU
2. Phillip Sims	6'2"	224	Chesapeake, VA	58	Alabama
3. Blake Bell	6'6"	215	Wichita, KS	76	Oklahoma
4. Jesse Scroggins	6'3"	205	Lakewood, CA	78	USC
5. Paul Jones	6'3"	223	McKees Rocks, PA	89	Penn State
6. Robert Bolden	6'4"	205	Orchard Lake, MI	94	Penn State
7. Devin Gardner	6'4"	205	Oak Park, MI	105	Michigan
8. Connor Wood	6'4"	209	Houston, TX	138	Texas
9. Nick Montana	6'3"	191	Thousand Oaks, CA	153	Washington
10. Pete Thomas	6'5"	220	El Cajon, CA	163	Colorado State
11. Austin Hinder	6'5"	185	Steamboat Springs, CO	164	Cal
12. Zach Lee	6'4"	210	McKinney, TX	167	LSU
13. Brett Nottingham	6'4"	210	Danville, CA	168	Stanford
14. Tyler Bray	6'6"	190	Kingburg, CA	203	Tennessee
15. Joe Boisture	6'5"	195	Goodrich, MI	220	Michigan State
16. Terrance Broadway	6'1"	197	Baton Rouge, LA	243	Houston
17. Scotty Young	6'3"	190	Denton, TX	255	Texas Tech
18. Barry Brunetti	6'0"	207	Memphis, TN	262	West Virginia
19. A.J. Derby	6'5"	220	Iowa City, IA	--	Iowa
20. Sean Mannion	6'5"	205	Pleasanton, CA	--	Oregon State
21. Chase Rettig	6'4"	205	San Clemente, CA	--	Boston College
22. James Franklin	6'2"	220	Lake Dallas, TX	--	Missouri
23. Bryan Bennett	6'3"	190	Encino, CA	--	Oregon
24. Andrew Hendrix	6'3"	226	Cincinnati, OH	--	Notre Dame
25. Jeffrey Godfrey	5'11"	161	Miami, FL	--	UCF
26. Joseph Brennan	6'4"	190	Audubon, NJ	--	Wisconsin
27. Jeremy Johnson	6'2"	175	Kountze, TX	--	West Virginia
28. Mark Myers	6'4"	225	Pepper Pike, OH	--	Pittsburgh
29. Chandler Whitmer	5'11"	185	Downers Grove, IL	--	Illinois
30. Taylor Graham	6'5"	225	Wheaton, IL	--	Ohio State
31. Tyler Gabbert	6'0"	190	Ballwin, MO	--	Missouri
32. Johnny Deaton	6'2"	195	Sand Springs, OK	--	Oklahoma State
33. Brion Carnes	6'1"	180	Bradenton, FL	--	Nebraska
34. Sean Robinson	6'3"	205	Rochester, IL	--	Purdue
35. Anthony Gonzalez	6'3"	215	Bethlehem, PA	--	Pittsburgh

### RUNNING BACKS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Marcus Lattimore	5'11"	215	Duncan, SC	5	South Carolina
2. Michael Dyer	5'8"	201	Little Rock, AR	7	Auburn
3. Lache Seastrunk	5'11"	190	Temple, TX	11	Oregon
4. D.J. Morgan	6'0"	175	Van Nuys, CA	20	USC
5. Roderick Smith	6'3"	220	Ft. Wayne, IN	27	Ohio State
6. Malcolm Jones	6'1"	220	Westlake Village, CA	28	UCLA
7. Dillon Baxter	6'0"	205	San Diego, CA	49	USC
8. Mack Brown	5'11"	190	Lithonia, GA	52	Florida
9. Jordan James	5'10"	190	Corona, CA	65	UCLA
10. Brennan Clay	5'11"	187	San Diego, CA	73	Oklahoma
11. Silas Redd	5'10"	190	Stamford, CT	88	Penn State
12. Giovanni Bernard	5'10"	205	Davie, FL	100	North Carolina
13. Spencer Ware	5'11"	223	Cincinnati, OH	103	LSU
14. Eduardo Clements	5'9"	183	Miami, FL	111	Miami
15. Storm Johnson	6'0"	212	Loganville, GA	126	Miami
16. Ken Malcome	6'0"	210	DeKalb, GA	136	Georgia
17. Traylon Shead	6'2"	212	Cayuga, TX	150	Texas
18. Braylon Heard	5'11"	180	Youngstown, OH	156	Nebraska
19. Roy Finch	5'8"	180	Niceville, FL	165	Oklahoma
20. Joseph Randle	6'0"	190	Wichita, KS	195	Oklahoma State
21. Deontae Cooper	6'0"	205	Perris, CA	212	Washington
22. Anthony Wilkerson	6'0"	218	Tustin, LA	278	Stanford
23. Marcus Coker	6'0"	230	Hyattsville, MD	--	Iowa
24. Austin White	6'0"	190	Livonia, MI	--	Michigan
25. Kevin Parks Jr.	5'8"	195	Salisbury, NC	--	Virginia
26. Dontae Williams	5'11"	210	Houston, TX	--	Oregon
27. Rajion Neal	5'11"	215	Tyrone, GA	--	Tennessee
28. Ethan Grant	5'10"	175	Coconut Creek, FL	--	TCU
29. Cameron Robinson	6'1"	220	Newbury Park, CA	--	Notre Dame
30. Jakhari Gore	5'9"	178	Miami, FL	--	LSU

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Robert Woods	6'1"	185	Carson, CA	3	USC
2. Kyle Prater	6'5"	215	Maywood, IL	6	USC
3. Darius White	6'3"	200	Ft. Worth, TX	12	Texas
4. Da'Rick Rogers	6'3"	215	Calhoun, GA	21	Tennessee
5. Christian Green	6'2"	200	Tampa, FL	30	Florida State
6. Trovon Reed	6'0"	173	Thibodaux, LA	35	Auburn
7. Marketh Ambles	6'2"	215	McDonough, GA	37	USC
8. Martavis Bryant	6'5"	200	Anderson, SC	41	Clemson
9. Chris Dunkley	5'11"	170	Pahokee, FL	45	Florida
10. Mike Davis	6'2"	183	Dallas, TX	60	Texas
11. Ivan McCartney	6'3"	183	Miramar, FL	66	West Virginia
12. Justin Hunter	6'5"	180	Virginia Beach, VA	67	Tennessee
13. Kenny Stills	6'1"	175	Encinitas, CA	71	Oklahoma
14. Adrian Coxson	6'2"	195	Baltimore, MD	74	Florida
15. Chris Jones	6'0"	175	Daingerfield, TX	101	Texas
16. Kadron Boone	6'1"	190	Ocala, FL	104	LSU
17. DeAndrew White	6'0"	180	Galena Park, TX	110	Alabama
18. Shakim Phillips	6'2"	191	Wayne, NJ	114	Boston College
19. Tai-Ier Jones	6'0"	183	Gainesville, GA	116	Notre Dame
20. James Louis	5'11"	178	Delray Beach, FL	154	Ohio State
21. Keiwone Malone	5'11"	165	Memphis, TN	157	Alabama
22. Paul Richardson	6'1"	175	Gardena, CA	158	UCLA
23. Kenny Shaw	6'0"	160	Orlando, FL	161	Florida State
24. Antonio Goodwin	6'2"	170	Atlanta, GA	169	Auburn
25. Corey Brown	6'1"	184	Springfield, PA	172	Ohio State
26. Ross Apo	6'4"	190	Arlington, TX	177	BYU
27. Marcus Lucas	6'5"	205	Liberty, MO	186	Missouri
28. Shaun Kitchens	6'3"	211	College Park, GA	187	Auburn
29. Solomon Patton	5'9"	167	Mobile, AL	193	Florida
30. Ted Meline	6'3"	170	Miami, FL	210	Tennessee

### TIGHT ENDS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Xavier Grumble	6'6"	245	Las Vegas, NV	18	USC
2. Curtis White	6'4"	230	Eugene, OR	39	Oregon
3. C.J. Fiedorowicz	6'7"	250	Johnsburg, IL	56	Iowa
4. Gerald Christian	6'3"	232	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	59	Florida
5. Austin Haywood	6'5"	245	Moore, OK	120	Oklahoma
6. Travis Dickson	6'3"	235	Ocean Springs, MS	130	LSU
7. Alex Welch	6'5"	225	Cincinnati, OH	132	Notre Dame
8. Christian Thomas	6'3"	240	Palmdale, CA	139	USC
9. Randall Telfer	6'4"	230	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	141	USC
10. Aaron Dunn	6'6"	235	Spokane, WA	193	Washington State

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Seantrel Henderson	6'7"	300	St. Paul, MN	1	USC
2. Robert Crisp	6'7"	299	Raleigh, NC	22	NC State
3. Jake Mathews	6'5"	285	Missouri City, TX	33	Texas A&M
4. Andrew Norvell	6'6"	290	Cincinnati, OH	34	Ohio State
5. James Hurst	6'7"	305	Plainfield, IN	36	North Carolina
6. Chaz Green	6'6"	290	Tampa, FL	43	Florida
7. Ja'Wuan James	6'6"	290	Suwanee, GA	61	Tennessee
8. Trey Hopkins	6'4"	280	Galena Park, TX	62	Texas
9. Brent Benedict	6'5"	273	Jacksonville, FL	63	Georgia
10. Ian Silberman	6'5"	260	Orange Park, FL	79	Florida
11. Damien Robinson	6'8"	330	Olive Branch, MS	83	Mississippi State
12. Nick Damien	6'6"	295	Wentzville, MO	91	Missouri
13. Luke Joeckel	6'6"	280	Arlington, TX	106	Texas A&M
14. Shon Coleman	6'7"	285	Olive Branch, MS	108	Auburn
15. James Stone	6'4"	295	Nashville, TN	117	Tennessee
16. Andrew Rodriguez	6'6"	300	Marquette, NE	118	Nebraska
17. A.J. Cann	6'2"	285	Bamberg, SC	120	South Carolina
18. Erik Kohler	6'5"	304	Camarillo, CA	124	Washington
19. Cam Feldt	6'4"	295	Pilot Point, TX	135	Arkansas
20. Christian Lombard	6'5"	293	Palatine, IL	146	Notre Dame
21. Kolton Houston	6'5"	270	Burford, GA	147	Georgia
22. Chris Ward	6'5"	300	Santa Ana, CA	152	UCLA
23. Bronson Irvin	6'5"	322	Mustang, OK	155	Oklahoma
24. Tyrus Thompson	6'5"	290	Pflugerville, TX	170	Oklahoma
25. Cedric Ogbuehi	6'5"	270	Allen, TX	175	Texas A&M



## DEFENSIVE ENDS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Ronald Powell	6'4"	250	Moreno Valley, CA	2	Florida
2. Jackson Jeffcoat	6'5"	235	Plano, TX	4	Texas
3. Reggie Wilson	6'3"	240	Haltom City, TX	14	Texas
4. Chris Martin	6'4"	240	Oakland, CA	19	Cal
5. William Gholston	6'7"	237	Detroit, MI	24	Michigan State
6. Owamagbe Odighizuwa	6'4"	240	Portland, OR	31	UCLA
7. Corey Lemonier	6'5"	223	Hialeah, FL	38	Auburn
8. T.J. Stripling	6'3"	215	Decatur, GA	53	Georgia
9. J.R. Ferguson	6'3"	272	Frederick, VA	70	LSU
10. Jacques Smith	6'3"	235	Ooltewah, TN	75	Tennessee
11. T.J. Clemmings	6'6"	280	Teaneck, NJ	84	Pittsburgh
12. Corey Miller	6'4"	230	Duncan, SC	90	Tennessee
13. Alfie Hill	6'4"	245	Shallotte, NC	92	Alabama
14. Brandon Willis	6'3"	270	Duncan, SC	93	North Carolina
15. Jordan Allen	6'6"	248	West Monroe, LA	99	LSU
16. Gabe King	6'6"	253	Eugene, OR	107	Cal
17. Lynden Trail	6'7"	220	Miami, FL	121	Florida
18. Jamel Turner	6'3"	215	Youngstown, OH	127	Ohio State
19. Zack McCray	6'5"	235	Forest, VA	129	Virginia Tech
20. Bronson Kaufusi	6'6"	220	Provo, UT	143	BYU
21. Blake Lueders	6'5"	245	Zionsville, IN	159	Stanford
22. Darryl Baldwin	6'7"	260	Solon, OH	192	Ohio State
23. Kaleb Eulls	6'4"	255	Yazoo City, MS	199	Mississippi State
24. Delvin Jones	6'3"	230	Miami, FL	202	Ole Miss
25. Bryan Murphy	6'3"	245	Monroe, NY	205	Pittsburgh
26. Greg Daniels	6'5"	250	Houston, TX	207	Texas
27. Kony Ealy	6'5"	230	New Madrid, MO	211	Missouri
28. Kazeem Olanikan	6'5"	230	Warren, MI	213	Penn State
29. Carlos Thompson	6'5"	220	Hollandale, MS	258	Ole Miss
30. Corey Crawford	6'5"	235	Columbus, GA	264	Clemson



SHARRIF FLOYD, DT, FLORIDA



RONALD POWELL, DE, FLORIDA

## DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Shariff Floyd	6'3"	311	Philadelphia, PA	10	Florida
2. Dominique Easley	6'3"	270	Staten Island, NY	23	Florida
3. George Uko	6'4"	300	Chino, CA	46	USC
4. Garrison Smith	6'3"	250	Atlanta, GA	51	Georgia
5. Taylor Bible	6'3"	300	Denton, TX	69	Texas
6. Kelcy Quarles	6'3"	267	Greenwood, SC	87	South Carolina
7. Cassius Marsh	6'4"	270	Westlake Village, CA	95	UCLA
8. Ricky Heimuli	6'4"	290	Salt Lake City, UT	98	Oregon
9. Louis Nix	6'3"	215	Jacksonville, FL	102	Notre Dame
10. Leon Orr	6'5"	344	New Port Richey, FL	109	Florida
11. Ashton Dorsey	6'2"	290	Tyler, TX	131	Texas
12. Sione Potoa'e	6'2"	266	Fort Lewis, WA	137	Washington
13. Jeffery Whitaker	6'3"	295	Warner Robins, GA	142	Auburn
14. Darius Cummings	6'3"	267	Titusville, FL	162	Florida State
15. Denzel McCoy	6'3"	268	Duluth, GA	178	Georgia Tech
16. Todd Chandler	6'0"	310	Miami, FL	184	South Florida
17. Daniel Noble	6'4"	275	Flower Mound, TX	187	Oklahoma
18. DaQuan Jones	6'4"	300	Johnson City, NY	188	Penn State
19. Evan Hailes	6'2"	310	Chesapeake, VA	206	Penn State
20. Calvin Barnett	6'3"	330	Tulsa, OK	221	Arkansas
21. Beau Allen	6'3"	307	Minnetonka, MN	235	Wisconsin
22. Mike Thornton	6'1"	280	Stone Mountain, GA	268	Georgia
23. Calvin Smith	6'3"	265	Hialeah, FL	--	New Mexico
24. Jibreel Black	6'2"	250	Wyoming, OH	--	Michigan
25. Ivan Robinson	6'4"	252	Longville, LA	--	Texas A&M

## LINEBACKERS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Alec Ogletree	6'3"	215	Newman, GA	13	Georgia
2. Jordan Hicks	6'2"	220	West Chester, OH	16	Texas
3. Jeff Luc	6'1"	230	Port St. Lucie, FL	17	Florida State
4. Tevin Jackson	6'2"	230	Garland, TX	48	Texas
5. Khairi Fortt	6'3"	221	Stamford, CT	54	Penn State
6. Christian Jones	6'3"	225	Winter Park, FL	55	Florida State
7. Corey Nelson	6'0"	210	Dallas, TX	72	Oklahoma
8. Cecil Whiteside	6'3"	220	Newport Beach, CA	77	Cal
9. C.J. Mosley	6'2"	225	Theodore, AL	113	Alabama
10. Mike Hull	6'0"	220	Canonsburg, PA	114	Penn State
11. Shaun Lewis	6'1"	210	Missouri City, TX	134	Oklahoma State
12. Adrian Hubbard	6'6"	227	Norcross, GA	145	Alabama
13. Nick Dew	6'2"	210	Virginia Beach, VA	149	Virginia Tech
14. Nick Forbes	6'0"	223	Frederick, MD	181	Cal
15. Dakota Royer	6'3"	220	Manheim, PA	189	Penn State
16. Dave Wilkerson	6'3"	235	Danville, CA	208	Cal
17. Brandon Golson	6'2"	204	St. Matthews, SC	222	South Carolina
18. Telvin Smith	6'3"	205	Valdosta, GA	227	Florida State
19. Aaron Benson	6'2"	225	Cedar Hill, TX	229	Texas
20. Scott McVey	6'0"	225	Lyndhurst, OH	236	Ohio State
21. Nigel Terrell	6'2"	215	Pelham, AL	242	Florida State
22. Michael Taylor	6'1"	213	Atlanta, GA	245	Florida
23. Aramide Olanikan	6'2"	200	Woodberry, VA	247	UCLA
24. Aaron Franklin	6'1"	205	Marshall, TX	249	Oklahoma
25. Justin Maclin	6'4"	220	Memphis, TN	269	LSU

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Matt Elam	5'10"	199	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	8	Florida
2. Lamarcus Joyner	5'8"	175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	9	Florida State
3. DeMarcus Milliner	6'1"	180	Millbrook, AL	15	Alabama
4. Jaylen Watkins	6'0"	174	Cape Coral, FL	32	Florida
5. Joshua Shaw	6'3"	186	Palm Dale, CA	47	Florida
6. Sean Parker	5'10"	204	Los Angeles, CA	50	Washington
7. John Fulton	6'0"	178	Manning, SC	57	Alabama
8. Latwan Anderson	5'11"	185	Cleveland, OH	68	Miami
9. Eric Reid	6'2"	200	Geismar, LA	80	LSU
10. Dietrich Riley	6'1"	195	La Canada, CA	82	UCLA
11. Cullen Christian	6'0"	172	Verona, PA	86	Michigan
12. Dion Bailey	6'1"	195	Lakewood, CA	96	USC
13. Jarrick Williams	6'1"	203	Prichard, AL	97	Alabama
14. A.J. White	6'0"	175	DeSoto, TX	112	Texas
15. Victor Hampton	5'9"	175	Charlotte, NC	121	South Carolina
16. Demetrius Wright	6'1"	205	Corona, CA	123	USC
17. Cody Riggs	5'9"	165	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	125	Florida
18. Damar Dorsey	6'0"	175	Lauderdale Lakes, FL	128	Michigan
19. Terrence Mitchell	5'10"	165	Tampa, FL	140	South Florida
20. Marquis Flowers	6'3"	200	Phoenix, AZ	144	Arizona
21. Tony Grimes	5'11"	165	Hollywood, FL	148	Ole Miss
22. Christian Bryant	5'11"	178	Cleveland, OH	151	Ohio State
23. Bryant Jackson	6'2"	186	Sulphur Springs, TX	159	Texas
24. Devon Carrington	6'1"	190	Chandler, AZ	165	Stanford
25. Corey Cooper	6'2"	200	Maywood, IL	171	Nebraska
26. Dior Mathis	5'9"	175	Detroit, MI	173	Oregon
27. Quentin Hayes	6'1"	175	Lancaster, TX	174	Oklahoma
28. Ronnie Vinson	5'11"	184	New Orleans, LA	179	LSU
29. B.J. Bostic	5'11"	165	Louisville, GA	183	Georgia Tech
30. Tharold Simon	6'2"	186	Eunice, LA	185	LSU
31. Mylan Hicks	5'11"	182	Detroit, MI	196	Michigan State
32. Darius Robinson	6'0"	170	Atlanta, GA	215	Clemson
33. Isaiah Lewis	5'11"	190	Indianapolis, IN	225	Michigan State
34. Nickell Robey	5'8"	165	Frostproof, FL	226	USC
35. Garry Peters	6'0"	173	Conyers, GA	228	Clemson
36. Carrington Byndom	6'0"	175	Lufkin, TX	231	Texas
37. Toney Hurd Jr.	5'9"	184	Missouri City, TX	246	Texas A&M
38. Erick Dargan	6'1"	200	Pittsburgh, CA	251	Oregon
39. Jordan Haden	6'2"	202	Ft. Washington, MD	252	Florida
40. Adrian Phillips	5'11"	199	Garland, TX	254	Texas

## ATHLETES

Player	Ht	Wt	Hometown	AC100	School
1. Tony Jefferson	6'0"	210	Chula Vista, CA	25	Oklahoma
2. Keenan Allen	6'3"	200	Greensboro, NC	26	Cal
3. Anthony Barr	6'4"	225	Los Angeles, CA	29	UCLA
4. Justin McCoy	6'3"	220	Shawnee Mission, KS	40	Oklahoma
5. Jonathan Dowling	6'4"	185	Brandteton, FL	44	Florida
6. DeMarco Cobbs	6'2"	212	Tulsa, OK	64	Texas
7. Ahmad Dixon	6'1"	190	Waco, TX	81	Baylor
8. Josh Furman	6'2"	200	Millersville, MD	133	Michigan
9. Hayes Pullard	6'2"	225	Inglewood, CA	176	USC
10. Josh Shirley	6'3"	220	Fontana, CA	224	UCLA



# RECRUITING

## BY CONFERENCE

### ACC RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Lamarcus Joyner	CB	5'8"	175	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Florida State
2. Jeff Luc	LB	6'1"	230	Port St. Lucie, FL	Florida State
3. Robert Crisp	OL	6'7"	299	Raleigh, NC	NC State
4. Christian Green	WR	6'2"	200	Tampa, FL	Florida State
5. James Hurst	OL	6'7"	305	Plainfield, IN	North Carolina
6. Martavis Bryant	WR	6'5"	200	Anderson, SC	Clemson
7. Christian Jones	LB	6'3"	225	Winter Park, FL	Florida State
8. Latwan Anderson	DB	5'11"	185	Cleveland, OH	Miami
9. Brandon Willis	DE	6'3"	270	Duncan, SC	North Carolina
10. Giovanni Bernard	RB	5'10"	205	Davie, FL	North Carolina
11. Eduardo Clements	RB	5'9"	183	Miami, FL	Miami
12. Shakim Phillips	WR	6'2"	191	Wayne, NJ	Boston College
13. Storm Johnson	RB	6'0"	212	Loganville, GA	Miami
14. Zack McCray	DE	6'5"	235	Forest, VA	Virginia Tech
15. Nick Dew	LB	6'2"	210	Virginia Beach, VA	Virginia Tech
16. Kenny Shaw	WR	6'0"	160	Orlando, FL	Florida State
17. Darius Cummings	DL	6'3"	267	Titusville, FL	Florida State
18. Denzel McCoy	DT	6'3"	268	Duluth, GA	Georgia Tech
19. Tavardis Glenn	OL	6'5"	300	Jacksonville, FL	Miami
20. B.J. Bostic	CB	5'11"	165	Louisville, GA	Georgia Tech
21. T.J. Leifheit	OL	6'7"	320	Wilmington, NC	North Carolina
22. Darius Robinson	DB	6'0"	170	Atlanta, GA	Clemson
23. Telvin Smith	LB	6'3"	205	Valdosta, GA	Florida State
24. Garry Peters	DB	6'0"	173	Conyers, GA	Clemson
25. Brandon Linder	OL	6'6"	290	FL. Lauderdale, FL	Miami
26. David Perry	DL	6'6"	230	FL. Lauderdale, FL	Miami
27. Nigel Terrell	LB	6'2"	215	Pelham, AL	Florida State
28. Greg Dent	WR	6'0"	190	Belle Glade, FL	Florida State
29. Corey Crawford	DE	6'5"	235	Columbus, GA	Clemson
30. Louis Young	CB	6'1"	190	Olney, MD	Georgia Tech
31. DeAndre Hopkins	WR	6'2"	194	Central, SC	Clemson
32. Anthony Creecy	WR	6'0"	196	Durham, NC	NC State
33. Justin Parker	LB	6'3"	230	Port Royal, SC	Clemson
34. Javarie Johnson	LB	6'3"	215	Washington, DC	Maryland
35. Ryan Ayers	CB	5'10"	178	Douglasville, GA	Georgia Tech
36. Tavaris Barnes	DE	6'5"	250	Jacksonville, FL	Clemson
37. Anthony Williams	DE	6'4"	221	McDonough, GA	Georgia Tech
38. Kevin Parks Jr.	RB	5'8"	195	Salisbury, NC	Virginia
39. A.J. Marshall	CB	5'11"	180	Durham, NC	Wake Forest
40. Travis Williams	LB	6'3"	200	Norfolk, VA	Miami

#### ACC TEAM RANKINGS

1. Florida State
2. Miami
3. Clemson
4. North Carolina
5. Virginia Tech
6. Georgia Tech
7. NC State
8. Maryland
9. Boston College
10. Virginia
11. Wake Forest
12. Duke

#### BIG EAST TEAM RANKINGS

1. West Virginia
2. Pitt
3. Louisville
4. Rutgers
5. South Florida
6. Cincinnati
7. Syracuse
8. Connecticut

### BIG EAST RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Ivan McCartney	WR	6'3"	183	Miramar, FL	West Virginia
2. T.J. Clemmings	DE	6'6"	280	Teaneck, NJ	Pittsburgh
3. Terrence Mitchell	DB	5'10"	165	Tampa, FL	South Florida
4. Todd Chandler	DT	6'0"	310	Miami, FL	South Florida
5. Bryan Murphy	DE	6'3"	245	Monroe, NY	Pittsburgh
6. Quinton Spain	OL	6'6"	330	Petersburg, VA	West Virginia
7. Michael Lee Harris	WR	6'0"	187	Miami, FL	Louisville
8. Dyjuan Lewis	WR	6'2"	186	Indianapolis, IN	Cincinnati
9. Barry Brunetti	QB	6'0"	207	Memphis, TN	West Virginia
10. Jeremy Johnson	QB	6'2"	175	Kountze, TX	West Virginia
11. Brandon Coleman	WR	6'6"	215	Accokeek, MD	Rutgers
12. Mark Myers	QB	6'4"	225	Pepper Pike, OH	Pittsburgh
13. Anthony Gonzalez	QB	6'3"	215	Bethlehem, PA	Pittsburgh
14. Dominique Brown	QB	6'2"	215	Cincinnati, OH	Louisville
15. Troy Gloster	LB	6'0"	200	Germantown, MD	West Virginia
16. B.J. Butler	LB	6'2"	254	Kissimmee, FL	Louisville
17. Aaron Donald	DL	6'0"	270	Verona, PA	Pittsburgh
18. Munchie Legaux	QB	6'4"	185	New Orleans, LA	Cincinnati
19. Travis Bell	DB	6'2"	187	Belle Glade, FL	West Virginia
20. Kevin Schloemer	OL	6'7"	274	West Chester, OH	Cincinnati
21. Mike Dorsey	S	6'3"	210	Warren, OH	West Virginia
22. Marquis Wallace	OL	6'5"	290	Richmond, VA	West Virginia
23. Derrick Burns	DB	5'11"	205	New Wilmington, PA	Pittsburgh
24. Rashad Knight	DB	5'11"	190	Jacksonville, FL	Rutgers
25. Cody Kater	QB	6'4"	200	Montague, MI	Cincinnati
26. Kamal Hogan	RB	5'11"	198	Montvale, NJ	Louisville
27. Marcus Shaw	RB	5'9"	187	Arcadia, FL	South Florida
28. Deon Rogers	LB	6'2"	186	Port St. Lucie, FL	Louisville
29. Andre Givens	RB	5'10"	185	Hubbard, OH	Pittsburgh
30. Aryn Chenault	DB	6'1"	190	Fairfield, OH	Cincinnati
31. Jake Kaufman	OL	6'8"	320	Jersey City, NJ	South Florida
32. Preston Brown	LB	6'2"	232	Cincinnati, OH	Louisville
33. Tiger Powell	RB	6'1"	210	Lake City, FL	South Florida
34. Quadrai Forte	DB	6'1"	190	Atlanta, GA	West Virginia
35. Clint Shepherd	OL	6'4"	270	Eaton, OH	Cincinnati
36. Mark Joyce	DB	6'1"	200	Deland, FL	South Florida
37. Quantavious Leslie	WR	6'4"	180	Hogansville, GA	West Virginia
38. Chris Fonti	OL	6'7"	315	Wayne, NJ	Rutgers
39. John Kinder	QB	6'3"	190	Inwood, NY	Syracuse
40. Reuben Frank	FB	6'3"	229	Poughkeepsie, NY	Connecticut

### BIG 12 RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Jackson Jeffcoat	DE	6'5"	235	Plano, TX	Texas
2. Darius White	WR	6'3"	200	Ft. Worth, TX	Texas
3. Reggie Wilson	DE	6'3"	240	Haltom City, TX	Texas
4. Jordan Hicks	LB	6'2"	220	West Chester, OH	Texas
5. Tony Jefferson	ATH	6'0"	210	Chula Vista, CA	Oklahoma
6. Jake Matthews	OL	6'5"	285	Missouri City, TX	Texas A&M
7. Justin McCay	ATH	6'3"	200	Shawnee Mission, KS	Oklahoma
8. Tevin Jackson	LB	6'2"	230	Garland, TX	Texas
9. Mike Davis	WR	6'2"	183	Dallas, TX	Texas
10. Trey Hopkins	OL	6'4"	280	Galena Park, TX	Texas
11. DeMarco Cobbs	ATH	6'2"	212	Tulsa, OK	Texas
12. Taylor Bible	DT	6'3"	300	Denton, TX	Texas
13. Kenny Stills	WR	6'1"	175	Encinitas, CA	Oklahoma
14. Corey Nelson	LB	6'0"	210	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
15. Brennan Clay	RB	5'11"	187	San Diego, CA	Oklahoma
16. Blake Bell	QB	6'6"	215	Wichita, KS	Oklahoma
17. Ahmad Dixon	ATH	6'1"	190	Waco, TX	Baylor
18. Nick Damien	OL	6'6"	295	Wentzville, MO	Missouri
19. Chris Jones	WR	6'0"	175	Dangerfield, TX	Texas
20. Luke Joeckel	OL	6'6"	280	Arlington, TX	Texas A&M

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
21. A.J. White	DB	6'0"	175	DeSoto, TX	Texas
22. Andrew Rodriguez	OL	6'6"	300	Marquette, NE	Nebraska
23. Austin Haywood	TE	6'5"	245	Moore, OK	Oklahoma
24. Ashton Dorsey	DT	6'2"	290	Tyler, TX	Texas
25. Shaun Lewis	LB	6'1"	210	Missouri City, TX	Oklahoma State
26. Connor Wood	QB	6'4"	209	Houston, TX	Texas
27. Traylon Shead	RB	6'2"	210	Cayuga, TX	Texas
28. Bronson Irwin	OL	6'5"	322	Mustang, OK	Oklahoma
29. Braylon Heard	RB	5'11"	180	Youngstown, OH	Nebraska
30. Bryant Jackson	DB	6'2"	186	Sulphur Springs, TX	Texas
31. Roy Finch	RB	5'8"	180	Niceville, FL	Oklahoma
32. Tyrus Thompson	OL	6'5"	290	Pflugerville, TX	Oklahoma
33. Corey Cooper	DB	6'2"	200	Maywood, IL	Nebraska
34. Quentin Hayes	DB	6'1"	175	Lancaster, TX	Oklahoma
35. Cedric Ogbuehi	OL	6'5"	270	Allen, TX	Texas A&M
36. Dominic Espinosa	OL	6'4"	295	Cedar Park, TX	Texas
37. Marcus Lucas	WR	6'5"	205	Liberty, MO	Missouri
38. Daniel Noble	DT	6'4"	275	Flower Mound, TX	Oklahoma
39. Joseph Randle	RB	6'0"	190	Wichita, KS	Oklahoma State
40. Greg Daniels	DE	6'5"	250	Houston, TX	Texas

#### BIG 12 TEAM RANKINGS

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M
4. Missouri
5. Nebraska
6. Oklahoma State
7. Texas Tech
8. Baylor
9. Kansas
10. Iowa State
11. Colorado
12. Kansas State



# RECRUITING

## BY CONFERENCE

### BIG TEN RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. William Gholston	DE	6'7"	237	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
2. Roderick Smith	RB	6'3"	220	Ft. Wayne, IN	Ohio State
3. Andrew Norwell	OL	6'6"	290	Cincinnati, OH	Ohio State
4. Khairi Fortt	LB	6'3"	221	Stamford, CT	Penn State
5. C.J. Fiedorowicz	TE	6'7"	250	Johnsburg, IL	Iowa
6. Cullen Christian	CB	6'0"	172	Verona, PA	Michigan
7. Silas Redd	RB	5'10"	190	Stamford, CT	Penn State
8. Paul Jones	QB	6'3"	223	McKees Rocks, PA	Penn State
9. Robert Bolden	QB	6'4"	205	Orchard Lake, MI	Penn State
10. Devin Gardner	QB	6'4"	205	Oak Park, MI	Michigan
11. Mike Hull	LB	6'0"	220	Canonsburg, PA	Penn State
12. Jamel Turner	DE	6'3"	215	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State
13. Demar Dorsey	DB	6'0"	175	Lauderdale Lakes, FL	Michigan
14. Josh Furman	ATH	6'2"	200	Millersville, OH	Michigan
15. Christian Bryant	DB	5'11"	178	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
16. James Louis	WR	5'11"	178	Delray Beach, FL	Ohio State
17. Corey Brown	WR	6'1"	184	Springfield, PA	Ohio State
18. Dakota Royer	LB	6'3"	220	Manheim, PA	Penn State
19. DaQuan Jones	DT	6'4"	300	Johnson City, NY	Penn State
20. Darryl Baldwin	DE	6'7"	260	Solon, OH	Ohio State
21. Mylan Hicks	DB	5'11"	182	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
22. Evan Hailles	DT	6'2"	310	Chesapeake, VA	Penn State
23. Kazeem Olaniran	DE	6'5"	230	Warren, MI	Penn State
24. Joe Boisture	QB	6'5"	195	Goodrich, MI	Michigan State
25. Isaiah Lewis	S	5'11"	190	Indianapolis, IN	Michigan State
26. Scott McVey	LB	6'0"	225	Lyndhurst, OH	Ohio State
27. Beau Allen	DT	6'3"	307	Minnetonka, MN	Wisconsin
28. Miles Deffenbach	OL	6'4"	277	Pittsburgh, PA	Penn State
29. Skyler Schofner	OL	6'6"	276	Sunbury, OH	Michigan State
30. A.J. Derby	QB	6'5"	220	Iowa City, IA	Iowa
31. Jimmy Gjere	OL	6'7"	300	New Brighton, MN	Minnesota
32. Kyle Baublitz	DE	6'4"	255	York, PA	Penn State
33. Marcus Coker	RB	6'0"	230	Beltsville, MD	Iowa
34. Andrew Donnal	OL	6'7"	285	Whitehouse, OH	Iowa
35. Joseph Brennan	QB	6'4"	190	Audubon, NJ	Wisconsin
36. Chandler Whitmer	QB	5'11"	185	Downers Grove, IL	Illinois
37. Taylor Graham	QB	6'5"	225	Wheaton, IL	Ohio State
38. Thomas Ricketts	OL	6'6"	266	Wexford, PA	Penn State
39. Zach Zwinak	FB	6'2"	225	Frederick, MD	Penn State
40. Manasseh Garner	TE	6'3"	218	Pittsburgh, PA	Wisconsin

#### BIG TEN TEAM RANKINGS

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|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Penn State     | 5. Iowa      | 9. Illinois      |
| 2. Michigan       | 6. Wisconsin | 10. Northwestern |
| 3. Ohio State     | 7. Purdue    | 11. Indiana      |
| 4. Michigan State | 8. Minnesota |                  |

### C-USA RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Terrance Broadway	QB	6'1"	197	Baton Rouge, LA	Houston
2. Torrian Wilson	OL	6'4"	315	Miami, FL	UCF
3. Joshua Reese	WR	6'1"	182	Miami, FL	UCF
4. O.C. Brown	OL	6'2"	319	Memphis, TN	Southern Miss
5. Darryl Fields	RB	6'2"	197	Madill, TX	SMU
6. Jeffrey Godfrey	QB	5'11"	167	Miami, FL	UCF
7. Brian Robinson	DB	6'0"	180	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Marshall
8. Steve McNair Jr.	WR	6'1"	195	Hattiesburg, MS	Southern Miss
9. DeAndre Little	LB	6'3"	230	Sierra Vista, AZ	UTEP
10. Alton Demby	DB	5'10"	175	Houston, TX	Houston

#### C-USA TEAM RANKINGS

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|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Houston       | 5. SMU      | 9. East Carolina |
| 2. UCF           | 6. Marshall | 10. Rice         |
| 3. Southern Miss | 7. Tulane   | 11. Tulane       |
| 4. Memphis       | 8. UTEP     | 12. UAB          |

### PAC 10 RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Seantrel Henderson	OL	6'7"	300	St. Paul, MN	USC
2. Robert Woods	WR	6'1"	185	Carson, CA	USC
3. Kyle Prater	WR	6'5"	215	Maywood, IL	USC
4. Lache Seastrunk	RB	5'11"	190	Temple, TX	Oregon
5. Xavier Grimble	TE	6'6"	245	Las Vegas, NV	USC
6. Chris Martin	DE	6'4"	240	Oakland, CA	Cal
7. D.J. Morgan	RB	6'0"	175	Van Nuys, CA	USC
8. Keenan Allen	ATH	6'3"	200	Greensboro, NC	Cal
9. Malcolm Jones	RB	6'1"	220	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA
10. Anthony Barr	ATH	6'4"	225	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA
11. Owamagbe Odighizuwa	DL	6'4"	240	Portland, OR	UCLA
12. Markeith Ambles	WR	6'2"	215	McDonough, GA	USC
13. Curtis White	TE	6'4"	230	Eugene, OR	Oregon
14. George Uko	DT	6'4"	300	Chino, CA	USC
15. Dillon Baxter	RB	6'0"	205	San Diego, CA	USC
16. Sean Parker	S	5'10"	204	Los Angeles, CA	Washington
17. Jordan James	RB	5'10"	190	Corona, CA	UCLA
18. Cecil Whiteside	LB	6'3"	220	Newport Beach, CA	Cal
19. Jesse Scroggins	QB	6'3"	205	Lakewood, CA	USC
20. Dietrich Riley	S	6'1"	195	La Canada, CA	UCLA
21. Cassius Marsh	DT	6'4"	270	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA
22. Dion Bailey	S	6'1"	195	Lakewood, CA	USC
23. Ricky Heimuli	DT	6'4"	290	Salt Lake City, UT	Oregon
24. Gabe King	DE	6'6"	253	Eugene, OR	Cal
25. Demetrius Wright	S	6'1"	205	Corona, CA	USC
26. Erik Kohler	OL	6'5"	304	Camarillo, CA	Washington
27. Sione Potoa'e	DT	6'2"	266	Fort Lewis, WA	Washington
28. Christian Thomas	TE	6'3"	240	Palmdale, CA	USC
29. Randall Telfer	TE	6'4"	230	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	USC
30. Marquis Flowers	S	6'3"	200	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
31. Chris Ward	OL	6'5"	300	Santa Ana, CA	UCLA
32. Nick Montana	QB	6'3"	191	Thousand Oaks, CA	Washington
33. Paul Richardson	WR	6'1"	175	Gardena, CA	UCLA
34. Blake Lueders	DE	6'5"	245	Zionsville, IN	Stanford
35. Austin Hinder	QB	6'5"	185	Steamboat Springs, CO	Cal
36. Devon Carrington	S	6'1"	190	Chandler, AZ	Stanford
37. Brett Nottingham	QB	6'4"	210	Danville, CA	Stanford
38. Dior Mathis	CB	5'9"	175	Detroit, MI	Oregon
39. Hayes Pullard	ATH	6'2"	225	Inglewood, CA	USC
40. Nick Forbes	LB	6'0"	223	Frederick, MD	Cal

#### PAC 10 TEAM RANKINGS

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|---------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. USC  | 4. Oregon     | 7. Arizona State     |
| 2. UCLA | 5. Washington | 8. Arizona           |
| 3. Cal  | 6. Stanford   | 9. Oregon State      |
|         |               | 10. Washington State |

### MAC RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. James Green	WR	6'3"	200	Tallahassee, FL	Toledo
2. Myron Ross	RB	6'1"	205	Ambler, PA	Temple
3. James Potts	RB	5'11"	190	Boynton Beach, FL	Buffalo
4. Jayrone Elliott	DE	6'3"	220	Cleveland, OH	Toledo
5. Erick Howard	RB	5'11"	225	North Canton, OH	Akron
6. Antonio Belt	WR	5'11"	157	Forestville, MD	Temple
7. Allen Veazie	CB	5'11"	165	Houston, TX	Miami (Ohio)
8. Desmond Coble	WR	5'10"	175	Richmond, VA	Temple
9. Seth Cunningham	CB	6'0"	175	Lakewood, OH	Akron
10. Jerry Gates	DB	5'11"	210	Middletown, OH	Bowling Green

#### MAC TEAM RANKINGS

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Temple           | 5. Kent State        | 9. Ball State        |
| 2. Toledo           | 6. Northern Illinois | 10. Miami (Ohio)     |
| 3. Western Michigan | 7. Bowling Green     | 11. Buffalo          |
| 4. Akron            | 8. Central Michigan  | 12. Ohio             |
|                     |                      | 13. Eastern Michigan |



# RECRUITING

## BY CONFERENCE

### SEC RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Ronald Powell	DE	6'4"	250	Moreno Valley, CA	Florida
2. Marcus Lattimore	RB	5'11"	215	Duncan, SC	South Carolina
3. Michael Dyer	RB	5'8"	201	Little Rock, AR	Auburn
4. Matt Elam	S	5'10"	199	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Florida
5. Sharri Floyd	DT	6'3"	311	Philadelphia, PA	Florida
6. Alec Ogletree	LB	6'3"	215	Newnan, GA	Georgia
7. DeMarcus Milliner	CB	6'1"	180	Millbrook, AL	Alabama
8. Da'Rick Rogers	WR	6'3"	215	Calhoun, GA	Tennessee
9. Dominique Easley	DT	6'3"	270	Staten Island, NY	Florida
10. Jaylen Watkins	CB	6'0"	174	Cape Coral, FL	Florida
11. Trovon Reed	WR	6'0"	173	Thibodaux, LA	Auburn
12. Corey Lemonier	DE	6'5"	223	Hialeah, FL	Auburn
13. Chaz Green	OL	6'6"	290	Tampa, FL	Florida
14. Jonathan Dowling	ATH	6'4"	185	Brandeton, FL	Florida
15. Chris Dunkley	WR	5'11"	190	Pahokee, FL	Florida
16. Joshua Shaw	CB	6'3"	186	Palmdale, CA	Florida
17. Garrison Smith	DT	6'3"	250	Atlanta, GA	Georgia
18. Mack Brown	RB	5'11"	190	Lithonia, GA	Florida
19. T.J. Stripling	DE	6'3"	215	Decatur, GA	Georgia
20. John Fulton	CB	6'0"	178	Manning, SC	Alabama
21. Phillip Sims	QB	6'2"	224	Chesapeake, VA	Alabama
22. Gerald Christian	TE	6'3"	232	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Florida
23. Ja'Wuan James	OL	6'6"	290	Suwanee, GA	Tennessee
24. Brent Benedict	OL	6'5"	273	Jacksonville, FL	Georgia
25. Justin Hunter	WR	6'5"	180	Virginia Beach, VA	Tennessee
26. J.R. Ferguson	DE	6'3"	272	Frederick, VA	LSU
27. Adrian Coxson	WR	6'2"	195	Baltimore, MD	Florida
28. Jacques Smith	DE	6'3"	235	Ooltewah, TN	Tennessee
29. Ian Silberman	OL	6'5"	260	Orange Park, FL	Florida
30. Eric Reid	S	6'2"	200	Geismer, LA	LSU
31. Damien Robinson	OL	6'8"	330	Olive Branch, MS	Mississippi State
32. Kelcy Quarles	DT	6'3"	267	Greenwood, SC	South Carolina
33. Corey Miller	DE	6'4"	230	Duncan, SC	Tennessee
34. Alf Hill	DE	6'4"	245	Shallotte, NC	Alabama
35. Jarrick Williams	S	6'1"	203	Prichard, AL	Alabama
36. Jordan Allen	DE	6'6"	248	West Monroe, LA	LSU
37. Spencer Ware	RB	5'11"	223	Cincinnati, OH	LSU
38. Kadron Boone	WR	6'1"	190	Ocala, FL	LSU
39. Shon Coleman	OL	6'7"	285	Olive Branch, MS	Auburn
40. Leon Orr	DT	6'5"	344	New Port Richey, FL	Florida

#### SEC TEAM RANKINGS

- Florida
- Alabama
- LSU
- Auburn
- Tennessee
- Georgia
- Ole Miss
- South Carolina
- Miss. State
- Arkansas
- Kentucky
- Vanderbilt

#### MWC TEAM RANKINGS

- BYU
- Utah
- TCU
- San Diego State
- New Mexico
- Colorado State
- UNLV
- Air Force
- Wyoming

#### SUN BELT TEAM RANKINGS

- Troy
- FIU
- Middle Tennessee
- Western Kentucky
- Arkansas State
- North Texas
- Louisiana-Lafayette
- Louisiana-Monroe
- FAU

#### WAC TEAM RANKINGS

- Fresno State
- Hawaii
- Boise State
- Nevada
- Louisiana Tech
- San Jose State
- Idaho
- New Mexico State
- Utah State

### MWC RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Jake Heaps	QB	6'2"	205	Sammamish, WA	BYU
2. Bronson Kaufusi	DE	6'6"	220	Provo, UT	BYU
3. Pete Thomas	QB	6'5"	220	El Cajon, CA	Colorado State
4. Ross Apo	WR	6'4"	190	Arlington, TX	BYU
5. Kenneth Scott	WR	6'3"	192	Fontana, CA	Utah
6. V.J. Fehoko	LB	6'0"	222	Honolulu, HI	Utah
7. Calvin Smith	DT	6'3"	265	Hialeah, FL	New Mexico
8. Ethan Grant	RB	5'10"	175	Coconut Grove, FL	TCU
9. Curtis Carter	ATH	5'10"	170	Stonewall, LA	TCU
10. Zac Stout	LB	6'2"	220	Westlake Village, CA	BYU

### SUN BELT RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Willis Wright	WR	6'2"	200	Miami, FL	FIU
2. Brandon Doughty	QB	6'3"	186	Coconut Creek, FL	Western Kentucky
3. Dionte Ponder	DB	5'11"	175	Ocala, FL	Troy
4. Pat McNeil	DE	6'3"	270	Mobile, AL	Middle Tennessee
5. B.J. Chitty	WR	6'3"	177	Dothan, AL	Troy
6. Aaron Spikes	RB	5'9"	182	Dallas, TX	Louisiana-Lafayette
7. Jericho Lee	DT	6'0"	285	Tallahassee, FL	FIU
8. Richard Leonard	DB	5'10"	180	Miami, FL	FIU
9. Glenn Coleman	WR	6'2"	205	Harvey, LA	FIU
10. Josh Allen	OL	6'3"	260	Cedar Hill, TX	Louisiana-Monroe

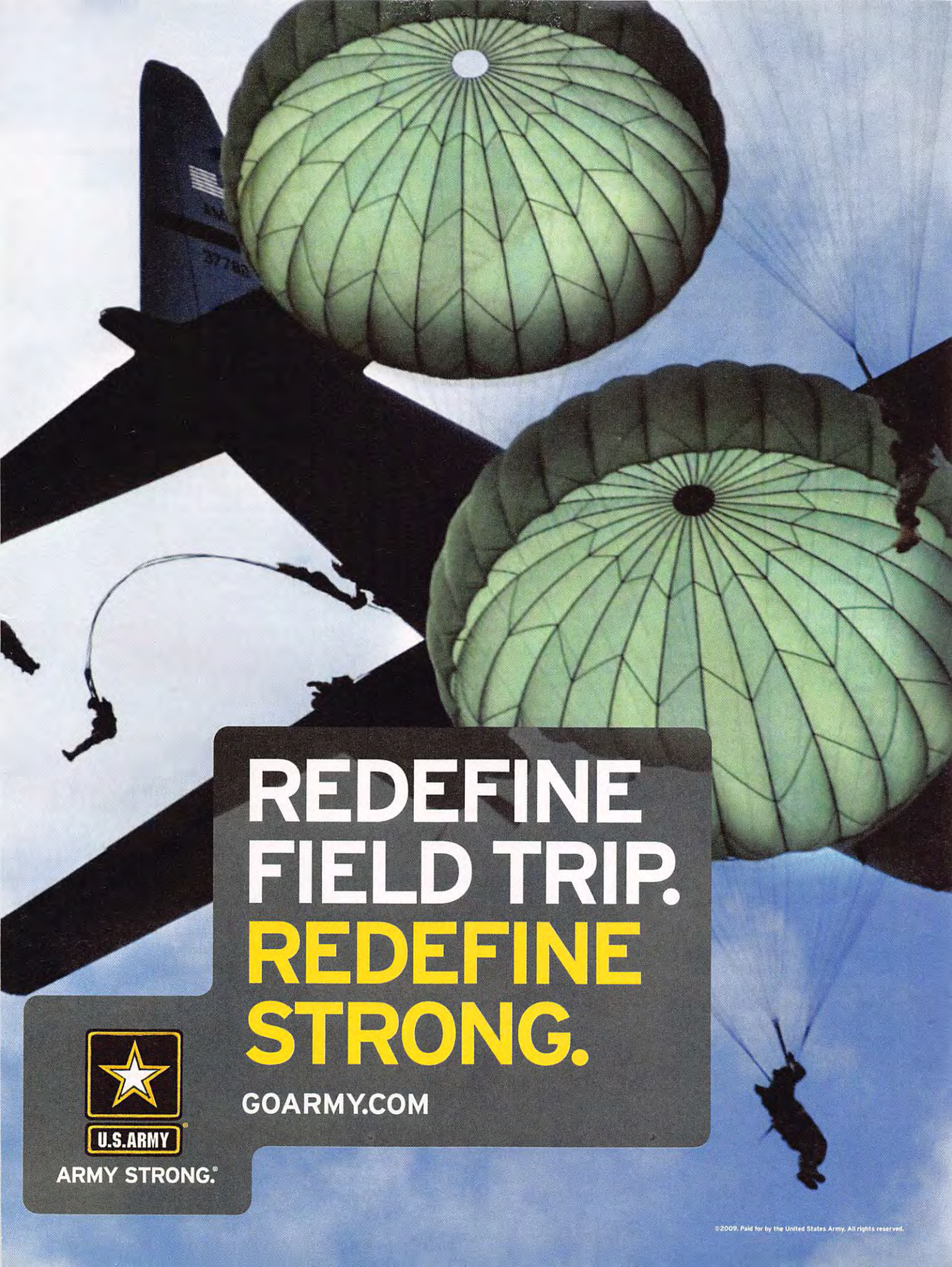
### WAC RANKINGS

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown	School
1. Davon Dunn	ATH	5'11"	175	San Diego, CA	Fresno State
2. Josh Harper	WR	6'1"	187	Stockton, CA	Fresno State
3. Kevin Spain	QB	6'2"	205	Phoenix, AZ	Hawaii
4. Grant Hedrick	QB	6'1"	185	Independence, OR	Boise State
5. Derron Smith	DB	5'11"	170	Banning, CA	Fresno State
6. Victor Dean	WR	6'5"	200	San Diego, CA	Fresno State
7. Matt Miller	WR	6'3"	207	Helena, MT	Boise State
8. Zachary Quines	LB	6'3"	210	Millani, HI	Hawaii
9. Dustin Elisara	LB	6'2"	245	Kapolei, HI	Hawaii
10. Bene Bewikere	DB	5'11"	180	Gardena, CA	San Jose State

### TOP 50 CLASSES

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|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. FLORIDA    | 11. FLORIDA STATE | 21. CLEMSON        | 31. NEBRASKA       | 41. ARIZONA        |
| 2. USC        | 12. CAL           | 22. OLE MISS       | 32. BYU            | 42. UTAH           |
| 3. TEXAS      | 13. MICHIGAN      | 23. WEST VIRGINIA  | 33. OKLAHOMA STATE | 43. MARYLAND       |
| 4. OKLAHOMA   | 14. OHIO STATE    | 24. STANFORD       | 34. GEORGIA TECH   | 44. ARKANSAS       |
| 5. ALABAMA    | 15. OREGON        | 25. MICHIGAN STATE | 35. ARIZONA STATE  | 45. BOSTON COLLEGE |
| 6. LSU        | 16. WASHINGTON    | 26. MISSOURI       | 36. IOWA           | 46. BAYLOR         |
| 7. AUBURN     | 17. GEORGIA       | 27. NORTH CAROLINA | 37. NC STATE       | 47. TCU            |
| 8. PENN STATE | 18. TEXAS A&M     | 28. VIRGINIA TECH  | 38. MISS. STATE    | 48. KENTUCKY       |
| 9. UCLA       | 19. NOTRE DAME    | 29. SOUTH CAROLINA | 39. TEXAS TECH     | 49. PURDUE         |
| 10. TENNESSEE | 20. MIAMI         | 30. PITTSBURGH     | 40. WISCONSIN      | 50. MINNESOTA      |





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1. Case Keenum, QB, Houston
2. Colin Kaepernick, QB, Nevada
3. Dwight Dasher, QB, Middle Tennessee
4. Jerrod Johnson, QB, Texas A&M
5. Jacquizz Rodgers, RB, Oregon State
6. Blaine Gabbert, QB, Missouri
7. Kellen Moore, QB, Boise State
8. Donald Buckram, RB, UTEP
9. Shane Vereen, RB, California
10. Terrelle Pryor, QB, Ohio State
11. Vai Taua, RB, Nevada
12. Ryan Williams, RB, Virginia Tech
13. John Clay, RB, Wisconsin
14. Ryan Broyles, WR, Oklahoma
15. Michael Floyd, WR, Notre Dame
16. Bernard Pierce, RB, Temple
17. Lance Dunbar, RB, North Texas
18. Dion Lewis, RB, Pittsburgh
19. Jordan Todman, RB, Connecticut
20. Mark Ingram, RB, Alabama
21. Greg Salas, WR, Hawaii
22. Noel Devine, RB, West Virginia
23. Jeff Fuller, WR, Texas A&M
24. DeMarco Murray, RB, Oklahoma
25. DeAndre Brown, WR, Southern Miss
26. Ricky Dobbs, QB, Navy
27. Ryan Mallett, QB, Arkansas
28. James Cleveland, WR, Houston
29. Mohamed Sanu, WR, Rutgers
30. Kendall Hunter, RB, Oklahoma State
31. Vincent Brown, WR, San Diego State
32. Titus Young, WR, Boise State
33. Daniel Thomas, RB, Kansas State
34. LaMichael James, RB, Oregon
35. Kyle Padron, QB, SMU
36. Chad Spann, RB, Northern Illinois
37. Dwayne Harris, WR, East Carolina
38. Randall Cobb, WR, Kentucky
39. Montel Harris, RB, Boston College
40. Anthony Allen, RB, Georgia Tech
41. Diondre Borel, QB, Utah State
42. Landry Jones, QB, Oklahoma
43. Toben Opurum, RB, Kansas
44. Austin Pettis, WR, Boise State
45. Eric Page, WR, Toledo
46. James Rodgers, WR, Oregon State
47. Derrick Washington, RB, Missouri
48. Frank Goodin, RB, UL Monroe
49. Robert Griffin, QB, Baylor
50. Charles Sims, RB, Houston
51. Evan Royster, RB, Penn State
52. Alfred Morris, RB, Florida Atlantic
53. Jerrel Jernigan, WR, Troy
54. Aldrick Robinson, WR, SMU
55. Alexander Robinson, RB, Iowa State
56. Washaun Ealey, RB, Georgia
57. Josh Nesbitt, QB, Georgia Tech
58. Damaris Johnson, WR, Tulsa
59. Lance Kendricks, TE, Wisconsin
60. Jonathan Baldwin, WR, Pittsburgh
61. Russell Wilson, QB, NC State
62. Jake Locker, QB, Washington
63. Roy Helu, RB, Nebraska
64. John Brantley, QB, Florida
65. Christine Michael, RB, Texas A&M
66. Tyron Carrier, WR, Houston
67. Jerrell Jackson, WR, Missouri
68. Willie Geter, RB, Bowling Green
69. Chris Polk, RB, Washington
70. Armon Binns, WR, Cincinnati
71. A.J. Green, WR, Georgia
72. Ronald Johnson, WR, USC
73. Zach Collaros, QB, Cincinnati
74. Austin Davis, QB, Southern Miss
75. Kyle Rudolph, TE, Notre Dame
76. Eddie Wide, RB, Utah
77. Eugene Jarvis, RB, Kent State
78. Ladarius Green, TE, UL Lafayette
79. Patrick Edwards, WR, Houston
80. Morgan Williams, RB, Toledo
81. Delone Carter, RB, Syracuse
82. Baron Batch, RB, Texas Tech
83. G.J. Kinne, QB, Tulsa
84. Dayne Crist, QB, Notre Dame
85. Alex Torres, WR, Texas Tech
86. B.J. Daniels, QB, South Florida
87. Michael Smith, RB, Utah State
88. Jacory Harris, QB, Miami
89. D.J. Williams, TE, Arkansas
90. Nic Grigsby, RB, Arizona
91. Robbie Rouse, RB, Fresno State
92. Keith Smith, WR, Purdue
93. Tandon Doss, WR, Indiana
94. Jermaine Kearse, WR, Washington
95. DeVier Posey, WR, Ohio State
96. Brynn Harvey, RB, UCF
97. Trent Richardson, RB, Alabama
98. T.Y. Hilton, WR, Florida International
99. Steven Sheffield, QB, Texas Tech
100. Allen Bradford, RB, USC
101. Orson Charles, TE, Georgia
102. Austin Dantin, QB, Toledo
103. Matt Barkley, QB, USC
104. Mario Fannin, RB, Auburn
105. Darvin Adams, WR, Auburn
106. Andre Ellington, RB, Clemson
107. Ohio State Defense
108. Larry Caper, RB, Michigan State
109. Hubert Anyiam, WR, Oklahoma State
110. Armand Robinson, WR, Miami (Ohio)
111. Greg Childs, WR, Arkansas
112. Texas Defense
113. Garrett Gilbert, QB, Texas
114. Christian Ponder, QB, Florida State
115. Alshon Jeffery, WR, South Carolina
116. LaVon Brazill, WR, Ohio
117. Brandon Weeden, QB, Oklahoma State
118. Kendall Wright, WR, Baylor
119. MiQuale Lewis, RB, Ball State
120. George Bryan, TE, NC State
121. Drake Dunsmore, TE, Northwestern
122. Zack Pinalto, TE, North Carolina
123. Iowa Defense
124. Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford
125. Nebraska Defense
126. Derrick Locke, RB, Kentucky
127. Mikel LeShoure, RB, Illinois
128. Tyshon Goode, WR, Kent State
129. Weslye Saunders, TE, South Carolina
130. Trevor Vittatoe, QB, UTEP
131. Ryan Whalen, WR, Stanford
132. North Carolina Defense
133. Sam McGuffie, RB, Rice
134. Joe Halahuni, TE, Oregon State
135. Daniel Hardy, TE, Idaho
136. TCU Defense
137. Detron Lewis, WR, Texas Tech
138. Alabama Defense
139. Jerome Brooks, WR, Utah
140. Rodney Stewart, RB, Colorado
141. Jeremy Avery, RB, Boise State
142. Martin Ward, RB, Marshall
143. Wes Kemp, WR, Missouri
144. Da'Rel Scott, RB, Maryland
145. Boise State Defense
146. Tauren Poole, RB, Tennessee
147. Torrey Smith, WR, Maryland
148. Uzoma Nwachukwu, WR, Texas A&M
149. Jamie Hampton, QB, Troy
150. Rob Housler, TE, Florida Atlantic

## DEFENSES

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|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ohio State     | 7. Alabama     | 13. Penn State    | 25. Florida State   |
| 2. Texas          | 8. Boise State | 14. Rutgers       | 26. South Carolina  |
| 3. Iowa           | 9. Clemson     | 15. Connecticut   | 27. South Florida   |
| 4. Nebraska       | 10. Oklahoma   | 16. Virginia Tech | 28. Mississippi St. |
| 5. North Carolina | 11. USC        | 17. Oregon        | 29. West Virginia   |
| 6. TCU            | 12. Florida    | 18. LSU           | 30. UCLA            |





## QUARTERBACKS

- Case Keenum, Houston
- Colin Kaepernick, Nevada
- Dwight Dasher, Middle Tennessee
- Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M
- Blaine Gabbert, Missouri
- Kellen Moore, Boise State
- Terrance Pryor, Ohio State
- Ryan Mallett, Arkansas
- Ricky Dobbs, Navy
- Kyle Padron, SMU
- Diondre Borel, Utah State
- Landry Jones, Oklahoma
- Robert Griffin, Baylor
- Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech
- Russell Wilson, NC State
- Jake Locker, Washington
- John Brantley, Florida
- Zach Collaros, Cincinnati
- Austin Davis, Southern Miss
- G.J. Kinne, Tulsa
- Dayne Crist, Notre Dame
- B.J. Daniels, South Florida
- Jacory Harris, Miami
- Steven Sheffield, Texas Tech
- Austin Dantin, Toledo
- Matt Barkley, USC
- Garrett Gilbert, Texas
- Christian Ponder, Florida State
- Brandon Weeden, Oklahoma State
- Andrew Luck, Stanford
- Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP
- Jamie Hampton, Troy
- Bryant Moniz, Hawaii
- Andy Dalton, TCU
- Austen Arnaud, Iowa State
- Austyn Carta-Samuels, Wyoming
- Nick Foles, Arizona
- Ryan Lindley, San Diego State
- Stephen Garcia, South Carolina
- Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech
- Tom Savage, Rutgers
- Nate Costa, Oregon
- Zac Dysert, Miami (Ohio)
- Tate Forcier, Michigan
- Cameron Newton, Auburn
- Jake Heaps, BYU
- Ben Chappell, Indiana
- Kirk Cousins, Michigan State
- Kyle Parker, Clemson
- Kevin Newsome, Penn State
- Dan Persa, Northwestern
- Nathan Enderle, Idaho
- Jordan Wynn, Utah
- Robert Marve, Purdue
- Boo Jackson, Ohio
- Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin
- Steven Ensminger, Louisiana Tech
- Jeff Van Camp, Florida Atlantic
- Trey Revell, UL Monroe
- Geno Smith, West Virginia
- Ryan Colburn, Fresno State
- David Isabelle, UAB
- Brad Worknick, East Carolina
- Ryan Nassib, Syracuse
- Derek Thompson, North Texas
- Sean Renfree, Duke
- Alex Carder, Western Michigan
- Ryan Radcliff, Central Michigan
- Jamarr Robinson, Maryland
- Tino Sunseri, Pittsburgh
- Aaron Pankratz, Bowling Green
- Taylor Cook, Rice
- Steven Threet, Arizona State
- Jerry Davis, Buffalo
- Alex Gillett, Eastern Michigan

## RUNNING BACKS

- Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon State
- Donald Buckram, UTEP
- Shane Vereen, California
- Vai Tava, Nevada
- Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech
- John Clay, Wisconsin
- Bernard Pierce, Temple
- Lance Dunbar, North Texas
- Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh
- Jordan Todman, Connecticut
- Mark Ingram, Alabama
- Noel Devine, West Virginia
- DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma
- Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State
- Daniel Thomas, Kansas State
- LaMichael James, Oregon
- Chad Spann, Northern Illinois
- Montel Harris, Boston College
- Anthony Allen, Georgia Tech
- Toben Oporum, Kansas
- Derrick Washington, Missouri
- Frank Goodin, UL Monroe
- Charles Sims, Houston
- Evan Royster, Penn State
- Alfred Morris, Florida Atlantic
- Alexander Robinson, Iowa State
- Washaun Ealey, Georgia
- Roy Helu, Nebraska
- Christine Michael, Texas A&M
- Willie Geter, Bowling Green
- Chris Polk, Washington
- Eddie Wide, Utah
- Eugene Jarvis, Kent State
- Morgan Williams, Toledo
- Delone Carter, Syracuse
- Baron Batch, Texas Tech
- Michael Smith, Utah State
- Nic Grigsby, Arizona
- Robbie Rouse, Fresno State
- Brynn Harvey, UCF
- Trent Richardson, Alabama
- Allen Bradford, USC
- Mario Fannin, Auburn
- Andre Ellington, Clemson
- Larry Caper, Michigan State
- MiQuale Lewis, Ball State
- Derrick Locke, Kentucky
- Mikel LeShoure, Illinois
- Sam McGuffie, Rice
- Rodney Stewart, Colorado
- Jeremy Avery, Boise State
- Martin Ward, Marshall
- Da'Rel Scott, Maryland
- Tauren Poole, Tennessee
- Charles Clay, Tulsa
- Jeff Demps, Florida
- Edward Wesley, TCU
- Alvester Alexander, Wyoming
- Kendrick Hardy, Southern Miss
- Chris Thompson, Florida State
- J.J. Di Luigi, BYU
- Michael Shaw, Michigan
- Victor Anderson, Louisville
- Aaron Winchester, Western Michigan
- Ronnie Wingo, Arkansas
- Jeremy Stewart, Stanford
- Bobby Rainey, Western Kentucky
- Jared Tew, Air Force
- Brandon Saine, Ohio State
- Adam Robinson, Iowa
- Tre' Newton, Texas
- Moise Plancher, South Florida
- Albert Williams, Tulane
- Djuan Harris, Troy
- Robert Elliott, Mississippi State

## WIDE RECEIVERS

- Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma
- Michael Floyd, Notre Dame
- Greg Salas, Hawaii
- Jeff Fuller, Texas A&M
- DeAndre Brown, Southern Miss
- James Cleveland, Houston
- Mohamed Sanu, Rutgers
- Vincent Brown, San Diego State
- Titus Young, Boise State
- Dwayne Harris, East Carolina
- Randall Cobb, Kentucky
- Austin Pettis, Boise State
- Eric Page, Toledo
- Damaris Johnson, Oregon State
- Jerrel Jernigan, Troy
- Aldrick Robinson, SMU
- Damaris Johnson, Tulsa
- Jonathan Baldwin, Pittsburgh
- Tyron Carrier, Houston
- Jerrell Jackson, Missouri
- Armon Binns, Cincinnati
- A.J. Green, Georgia
- Ronald Johnson, USC
- Patrick Edwards, Houston
- Alex Torres, Texas Tech
- Keith Smith, Purdue
- Tandon Doss, Indiana
- Jermaine Kearse, Washington
- DeVier Posey, Ohio State
- T.Y. Hilton, Florida International
- Darvin Adams, Auburn
- Hubert Anyiam, Oklahoma State
- Armand Robinson, Miami (Ohio)
- Greg Childs, Arkansas
- Alshon Jeffery, South Carolina
- LaVon Brazill, Ohio
- Kendall Wright, Baylor
- Tyson Goode, Kent State
- Ryan Whalen, Stanford
- Detron Lewis, Texas Tech
- Jerome Brooks, Utah
- Wes Kemp, Missouri
- Torrey Smith, Maryland
- Uzoma Nwachukwu, Texas A&M
- Julio Jones, Alabama
- Deonte Thompson, Florida
- Joe Adams, Arkansas
- Scotty McKnight, Colorado
- Malcolm Williams, Texas
- Nick Toon, Wisconsin
- James Kirkendoll, Texas
- Juron Criner, Arizona
- Terrence Wilkerson, SMU
- Vidal Hazelton, Cincinnati
- Greg Little, North Carolina
- Leonard Hankerson, Miami
- Antavious Wilson, Marshall
- Juan Nunez, Western Michigan
- Donovan Varner, Duke
- Jon Sanders, West Virginia
- Keshawn Martin, Michigan State
- Jarmon Fortson, Florida State
- Kito Poblado, Central Michigan
- Darryl Freeney, East Carolina
- Rodney Bradley, Hawaii
- Marshall Williams, Wake Forest
- Jeff Maehl, Oregon
- Kris Adams, UTEP
- Jarvis Williams, NC State
- Tyler Stradford, North Texas
- Gerrell Robinson, Arizona State
- Dontavia Bogan, South Florida
- Phillip Payne, UNLV
- Marvin McNutt, Iowa
- Ahmad Paige, Louisiana Tech

## TIGHT ENDS

- Lance Kendricks, Wisconsin
- Kyle Rudolph, Notre Dame
- Ladarius Green, UL Lafayette
- D.J. Williams, Arkansas
- Orson Charles, Georgia
- George Bryan, NC State
- Drake Dunsmore, Northwestern
- Zack Piantalto, North Carolina
- Weslye Saunders, South Carolina
- Joe Halahuni, Oregon State
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- Lee Smith, Marshall
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- Ben Guidugli, Cincinnati
- Charlie Gantt, Michigan State
- Brian Linthicum, Michigan State
- Luke Stocker, Tennessee
- Marcus Green, Mississippi State
- Beau Reliford, Florida State

## KICKERS

- Grant Ressel, Missouri
- Kai Forbath, UCLA
- Kyle Brotzman, Boise State
- Blair Walsh, Georgia
- Ross Evans, TCU
- Philip Welch, Wisconsin
- Alex Henery, Nebraska
- Alex Tejada, Arkansas
- Justin Kahut, Oregon State
- Alan Gendreau, MTSU
- Caleb Sturgis, Florida
- Matt Bosher, Miami
- Erik Soderberg, Air Force
- Devin Barclay, Ohio State
- Dan Hutchins, Pittsburgh
- Kevin Goessling, Fresno State
- Wes Byrum, Auburn
- Daniel Murray, Iowa
- Jake Rogers, Cincinnati
- Casey Barth, North Carolina

## JUCOS TO WATCH

Dominique Davis, QB, East Carolina  
 Randall Mackey, QB, Ole Miss  
 Quinn Meacham, QB, Kansas  
 Cameron Newton, QB, Auburn  
 Matt Simms, QB, Tennessee  
 Andy Summerlin, QB, Memphis  
 Kenny Ashley, RB, Ohio  
 Vick Ballard, RB, Mississippi State  
 Jasmin Hopkins, RB, Northern Illinois  
 Pat Shed, RB, UAB  
 Debrale Smiley, RB, Florida State  
 George Bell, WR, Arizona State  
 Kelvin Bolden, WR, Southern Miss  
 Darius Bright, WR, Hawaii  
 Lance Lewis, WR, East Carolina  
 Rishard Matthews, WR, Nevada  
 Brett Moncrief, WR, Troy  
 Rod Streater, WR, Temple  
 Kenbrell Thompkins, WR, Cincinnati  
 Chris Young, WR, Iowa State





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48. <b>Mohamed Sanu</b> WR Rutgers	47. <b>Jake Locker</b> QB Washington	46. <b>Washaun Ealey</b> RB Georgia	45. <b>Lance Kendricks</b> TE Wisconsin	44. <b>Austin Pettis</b> WR Boise State	43. <b>Kyle Padron</b> QB SMU	42. <b>John Brantley</b> QB Florida	41. <b>Brynn Harvey</b> RB UCF	40. <b>Eric Page</b> WR Toledo	39. <b>Aldrick Robinson</b> WR SMU	38. <b>Vincent Brown</b> WR San Diego St.	37. <b>Dayne Crist</b> QB Notre Dame
49. <b>Zach Collaros</b> QB Cincinnati	50. <b>Derrick Washington</b> RB Missouri	51. <b>Josh Nesbitt</b> QB Georgia Tech	52. <b>Jonathan Baldwin</b> WR Pittsburgh	53. <b>Ricky Dobbs</b> QB Navy	54. <b>James Rodgers</b> WR Oregon State	55. <b>Toben Opurum</b> RB Kansas	56. <b>Armon Binns</b> WR Cincinnati	57. <b>Greg Childs</b> WR Arkansas	58. <b>Evan Royster</b> RB Penn State	59. <b>Damaris Johnson</b> WR Tulsa	60. <b>Keith Smith</b> WR Purdue
72. <b>Alfred Morris</b> RB FAU	71. <b>Jerrel Jernigan</b> WR Troy	70. <b>Julio Jones</b> WR Alabama	69. <b>Christine Michael</b> RB Texas A&M	68. <b>Jerrell Jackson</b> WR Missouri	67. <b>Dwayne Harris</b> WR East Carolina	66. <b>G.J. Kinne</b> QB Tulsa	65. <b>Landry Jones</b> QB Oklahoma	64. <b>Charles Sims</b> RB Houston	63. <b>Tyron Carrier</b> WR Houston	62. <b>D.J. Williams</b> TE Arkansas	61. <b>Brandon Weeden</b> QB Oklahoma St.
73. <b>Baron Batch</b> RB Texas Tech	74. <b>Alexander Robinson</b> RB Iowa State	75. <b>A.J. Green</b> WR Georgia	76. <b>Chris Polk</b> RB Washington	77. <b>Eddie Wide</b> RB Utah	78. <b>Diondre Borel</b> QB Utah State	79. <b>MiQuale Lewis</b> RB Ball State	80. <b>Roy Helu</b> RB Nebraska	81. <b>DeVier Posey</b> WR Ohio State	82. <b>Russell Wilson</b> QB NC State	83. <b>Michael Smith</b> RB Utah State	84. <b>Detron Lewis</b> WR Texas Tech

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### Scoring

10 yards rushing = 1 point  
10 yards receiving = 1 point  
25 yards passing = 1 point  
4 points per passing TD  
6 points per rushing TD  
6 points per receiving TD  
0.5 points per reception  
6 points per punt/kick return touchdown

### Kickers

39 yards and under = 3 pts  
40-49 yards = 4 pts  
50-59 = 5 pts  
Greater than 60 yards = 6 pts

### Team Defenses

0 points allowed = 15 pts  
2-6 points allowed = 10 pts  
7-13 points allowed = 7 pts  
14-20 points allowed = 4 pts  
21-27 points allowed = 2 pts  
28-34 points allowed = 0 pts  
35 and over = (-2) pts  
Safeties = 2 pts  
Fumbles recovered = 3 pts  
Interceptions recovered = 3 pts  
Sacks = 1 pt  
Defensive/Special Teams touchdowns = 6 pts

## SLEEPERS TO WATCH

### Quarterbacks

**Ryan Colburn, Fresno State** Expected to throw more with Ryan Mathews no longer taking handoffs in Fresno.

**Kirk Cousins, Michigan State** With the No. 1 spot fully secure, 25 passing touchdowns are within reach.

**Steven Ensminger, Louisiana Tech** New coordinator Tony Franklin is one of the top offensive minds in the nation.

**David Isabelle, UAB** Proven runner, but needs to progress as a passer.

### Running Backs

**Robert Elliott, Mississippi State** Bulldogs looking for new go-to back with Anthony Dixon out of eligibility.

**Kendrick Hardy, Southern Miss** May not open the year as the starter, but has the most long-term potential.

**Mikel LeShoure, Illinois** Should in-

crease carries this season, after averaging nearly seven yards per rush in '09.

**Martin Ward, Marshall** Rushed for an average of 88.3 yards per game in the final three contests.

**Aaron Winchester, Western Michigan** Someone has to replace the 1,164 yards Brandon West leaves behind.

### Wide Receivers

**Jarred Fayson, Illinois** Disappointed last year, but new offense should improve catch totals.

**Jarmon Fortson, Florida State** Should be go-to option in the red zone for potent Seminole passing game.

**Marvin Jones, California** Needs improved quarterback play, but should easily surpass last season's numbers.

**Wes Kemp, Missouri** Jerrell Jackson should be the No. 1 receiver, but there

are plenty of passes available for Kemp.

**Gerell Robinson, Arizona State** New pass-first offense should equal huge reception totals for Robinson.

**Tyler Stradford, North Texas** Oklahoma transfer could emerge as Mean Green's best receiver.

### Tight Ends

**Ryan Griffin, Connecticut** No more questions about the starting QB should lead to a more stable passing game.

**Andrew Jones, Missouri** Will the Tigers return to using the tight ends more in the passing game?

**Vance McDonald, Rice** McDonald isn't James Casey, but he has emerged as the best receiving options for the Owls.

**Allen Reisner, Iowa** The Hawkeyes always find a way to get the tight end involved in the passing game.

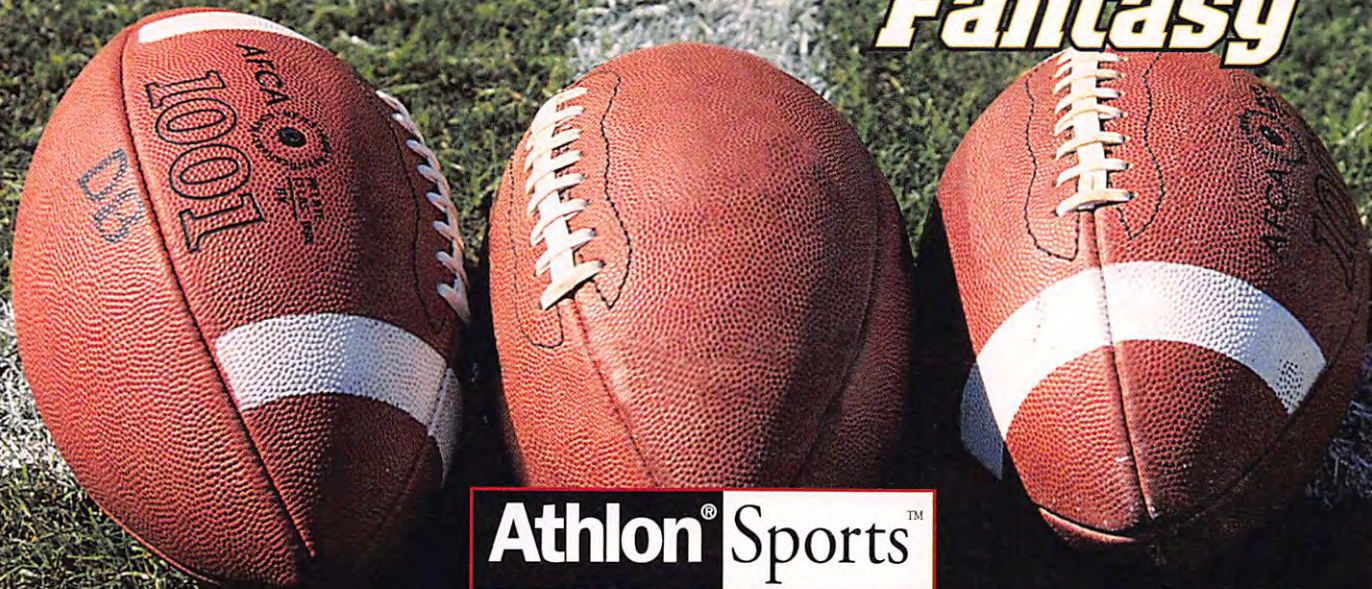
## FRESHMEN

**Tyler Bray, QB, Tennessee**  
**Devin Gardner, QB, Michigan**  
**Jeffrey Godfrey, QB, UCF**  
**Jake Heaps, QB, BYU**  
**Paul Jones, QB, Penn State**  
**Pete Thomas, QB, Colorado St.**  
**Dillon Baxter, RB, USC**  
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Not content with ranking the Football Bowl Subdivision teams from 1 through 120 and predicting the order of finish for each conference, we've taken on another seemingly impossible task — projecting the matchups for each of this season's 35 bowl games. Below is Athlon's take on the 2010-11 bowl season. Think you can do better? Email us at [editor@athlon-sports.com](mailto:editor@athlon-sports.com). Come January 2011, we'll compare results.

Bowl	Matchup	Projection
NEW MEXICO	MWC VS. WAC	AIR FORCE VS. NEVADA
HUMANITARIAN	MAC VS. WAC	OHIO VS. WASHINGTON*
NEW ORLEANS	C-USA VS. SUN BELT	UTEP VS. TROY
ST. PETERSBURG	BIG EAST VS. C-USA	CINCINNATI VS. SOUTHERN MISS
LAS VEGAS	MWC VS. PAC-10	TCU VS. STANFORD
POINSETTIA	MWC VS. NAVY	UTAH VS. NAVY
HAWAII	C-USA VS. WAC	UCF VS. LOUISIANA TECH
LITTLE CAESARS	MAC VS. BIG TEN	TEMPLE VS. SOUTH FLORIDA*
CHAMPS SPORTS	BIG EAST VS. ACC	NOTRE DAME VS. MIAMI (FLA.)
ALAMO	BIG 12 VS. PAC-10	TEXAS A&M VS. OREGON
MUSIC CITY	SEC VS. ACC	TENNESSEE VS. GEORGIA TECH
PINSTRIPES	BIG EAST VS. BIG 12	RUTGERS VS. KANSAS
MEINEKE CAR CARE	ACC VS. BIG EAST	CLEMSON VS. CONNECTICUT
INDEPENDENCE	MWC VS. ACC	BYU VS. BOSTON COLLEGE
EAGLEBANK	ACC VS. C-USA	NC STATE VS. MARSHALL
HOLIDAY	BIG 12 VS. PAC-10	TEXAS TECH VS. OREGON STATE
ARMED FORCES	ARMY VS. MWC	ARMY VS. WYOMING
SUN	ACC VS. PAC-10	NORTH CAROLINA VS. ARIZONA
TEXAS	BIG TEN VS. BIG 12	NORTHWESTERN VS. OKLAHOMA STATE
LIBERTY	SEC VS. C-USA	OLE MISS VS. HOUSTON
INSIGHT	BIG TEN VS. BIG 12	MICHIGAN VS. MISSOURI
CHICK-FIL-A	SEC VS. ACC	AUBURN VS. FLORIDA STATE
OUTBACK	BIG TEN VS. SEC	PENN STATE VS. SOUTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL ONE	BIG TEN VS. SEC	WISCONSIN VS. GEORGIA
GATOR	BIG TEN VS. SEC	MICHIGAN STATE VS. LSU
DALLAS FOOTBALL CLASSIC	BIG 12 VS. BIG TEN	SMU* VS. PURDUE
GMAC	MAC VS. SUN BELT	NO. ILLINOIS VS. MIDDLE TENNESSEE
COTTON	SEC VS. BIG 12	ARKANSAS VS. TEXAS
PAPAJOHNS.COM	SEC VS. BIG EAST	KENTUCKY VS. WEST VIRGINIA
KRAFT FOODS	WAC VS. PAC-10	FRESNO STATE VS. CALIFORNIA
ROSE	BCS vs. BCS	USC VS. BOISE STATE
SUGAR	BCS vs. BCS	FLORIDA VS. IOWA
FIESTA	BCS vs. BCS	OKLAHOMA VS. PITTSBURGH
ORANGE	BCS vs. BCS	VIRGINIA TECH VS. NEBRASKA
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	BCS vs. BCS	ALABAMA VS. OHIO STATE

\*According to our projections, the WAC, Big Ten and Big 12 will fail to fill their allotted slots.



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